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Abstract

The Canadian code provisions for minimum concrete slab thickness have permitted thinner slabs for flat plates since 1956. With improved understanding of material behaviour, the code has increased allowable service load stresses of reinforcing from 124 MPa in 1936, to over 250 MPa in the latest provisions. Concern has been expressed about the adequacy of the provisions. Present thickness provisions are based on experience and not on mathematical or scientific analysis. Until recently, the calculation of concrete slab deflections has not been viable due to large computational requirements. With the advent of the computer and development of finite element programs in the last ten years, analysis of concrete slab deflections has become possible. Since the thickness provisions are based on experience, the actual performance of these slabs is unknown. This thesis reviews present provisions of a number of different concrete codes and investigates the serviceability of concrete flat plates and flat slabs with drop panels designed using CAN3 A23.3-M84. The investigation took the form of a computer parameter study in which 344 different conditions were analysed. The study indicated that, in most cases, flat plates following the code provisions will behave satisfactorily. The study also indicates that there should be some concern about the code provisions for flat slabs with drop panels or edge beams.

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List of Symbols

b	effective width of slab
d	effective depth of slab, the distance from the top of the slab to the geometric centre of the reinforcing steel
d_{Beeby}	effective depth of slab calculated using Beeby's empirical formulas
d_{fu}	effective depth of slab with a concrete strength of f_u
E	Modulus of Elasticity
E_c	Modulus of Elasticity of concrete, MPa
$E_c(t)$	Modulus of Elasticity of concrete at time t
E_x, E_y	Modulus of Elasticity in x and y directions respectively
f'_c	specified cylinder concrete strength, MPa
$f_c(t)$	specified cylinder concrete strength at time t
$F_{d.ef}$	the appropriate design load span-effective depth equations of AS 1480
f_e	Effective Modulus of Rupture, MPa
f_r	Modulus of Rupture, MPa
f_s	stress in reinforcing steel at load level when deflection is computed
f_{sh}	shrinkage stress
f_u	specified cube concrete strength, MPa

f_y	specified yield strength of non-prestressed reinforcement, MPa
g	dead load for AS 1480
G_c	Shear Modulus of concrete
h	overall thickness of slab
h_m	CAN3 A23.3 minimum thickness of slab
$h_{f'_c}$	thickness of slab with f'_c strength concrete
h_β	thickness of slab with panel aspect ratio β
$h_{1.0}$	thickness of slab with panel aspect ratio of 1.0
h_{20}	thickness of slab with 20 MPa strength concrete
I	Moment of Inertia of slab
I_e	Effective Moment of Inertia of slab
I_{ex}, I_{ey}	Effective Moment of Inertia of slab element in the x and y directions respectively
I_{col}	Moment of Inertia of the column strip of slab panel
I_{cr}	Moment of Inertia of the cracked section of slab
I_g	Moment of Inertia of the gross section of slab
I_{mid}	Moment of Inertia of the transverse middle strip of slab panel
I_x, I_y	Effective Moment of Inertia of beam in the x and y directions respectively
I_1	Moment of Inertia of slab under total loads
I_2	Moment of Inertia of slab under sustained loads

j	elastic constant of concrete section calculated from ρ
J	Polar Moment of Inertia of beam
k	elastic constant of concrete section calculated from ρ
k_{cs}	long-term deflection constant for AS 1480
k_r	creep factor
k_1	slab or beam factor
k_2	location factor
k_3	slab factor for AS 1480
k_4	location factor for AS 1480
ℓ	length of span, in the direction moments are being determined, measured centre-to-centre of supports
ℓ_{col}	length of span, in the direction along the column strip
ℓ_{diag}	length of span, in the direction along the panel diagonal
ℓ_e	length of clear span, in the direction moments are being determined, measured face-to-face of supports plus d
ℓ_{mid}	length of span, in the direction along the transverse middle strip
ℓ_n	length of clear span, in the direction moments are being determined, measured face-to-face of supports

ℓ_1	length of span, in the long direction
ℓ_2	length of span, in the short direction
M_a	bending moment at load level when deflection is computed
M_{cr}	bending moment at load level when the slab cracks
M_e	end bending moments of member
M_f	factored bending moment
M_l	left end bending moment
M_m	midspan bending moment of member
M_r	right end bending moment
M_o	total bending moment of span $\frac{wl^2}{8}$
M_n	bending moment capacity of section
M_x, M_y	unit bending moment in x and y directions respectively
M_{xy}	unit shearing moment
n	ratio of the Moduli of Elasticity of Steel and Concrete of the slab
N	total number of floor shored and reshored
q	live load for AS 1480
R	construction load ratio
s	modifier of long term multiplier in CAN3 A23.3
S	Section Modulus of slab
t	time after placement of concrete, Days
t_{la}	time of load application, Days

t_o	time when moist curing is stopped, Days
w	uniform load on slab
w_{cf}	factored construction shoring load
w_{col}	equivalent uniform load in the slab column strip
w_{dead}	dead load
w_l	live load
w_{mid}	equivalent uniform load in slab middle strip
w_{slab}	weight of slab
w_{sus}	sustained loading
w_t	total load
α	ratio of flexural stiffness of beam section to the flexural stiffness of a width of slab bounded laterally by the centerline of the adjacent panel, if any, on each side of the beam, or $\Lambda \times \frac{384}{5}$
α_d	dead load factor
α_l	live load factor
β	ratio of clear spans in the long to short direction of a two-way slab constuction, or deflection coefficient
β_{col}	deflection coefficient of column strip
β_{mid}	deflection coefficient of middle strip
β_{panel}	aspect ratio of panel, long to short spans

β_{simp}	deflection coefficient of simply supported member, $=\frac{5}{384}$
Δ	deflection
Δ_c	calculated creep deflection
Δ_{col}	calculated midspan deflection of column strip
Δ_e	calculated elastic deflection
$\Delta_{e,sus}$	calculated elastic deflection under sustained loading
Δ_{inc}	calculated incremental deflection
Δ_{mid}	calculated midspan deflection of middle strip
Δ_{panel}	calculated midpanel deflection of slab
Δ_l	calculated live load deflection
Δ_{sh}	calculated shrinkage deflection
Δ_{sl}	calculated sustained load deflection
Δ_{tot}	total calculated deflection
η_{sh}	shrinkage multiplier
ϵ_{shu}	ultimate shrinkage strain
$\epsilon_{sh}(t,t_o)$	shrinkage strain at time t
γ_{ch}	creep multiplier to account for thickness of the slab
γ_{cl}	creep multiplier to account for time of load application

γ_{sh}	shrinkage multiplier to account for thickness of the slab
κ_x, κ_y	ratio of effective moment of inertia to the gross moment of inertia of slab in the x and y directions respectively
λ	long-term deflection multiplier
Λ	a function of reinforcement ratios to calculate I_e in terms of bd^3
ν_c	Poisson's Ratio for concrete
ν_u	ultimate creep coefficient
$\nu_c(t,t_{la})$	creep coefficient at time t
ϕ	performance factor
ϕ_c	material performance factor of concrete
ϕ_s	material performance factor of reinforcement
ϕ_x, ϕ_y	curvature in x and y directions respectively
ϕ_{xy}	shearing curvature
Ψ_l	long-term load factor for AS 1480
Ψ_{load}	load and material factor in k_2
Ψ_s	short-term load factor for AS 1480
ρ, ρ'	reinforcement ratio of positive and negative reinforcing respectively
ζ	location factor in CEB-FIP MC 78

Slab Notation

AA:BBB:CCC:DDD:EE:FF:GG

where AA slab type

FP Flat Plate

BP Flat Plate with edge beams

DP Flat Slab with drop panels

VP Flat Slab with drop panels of various thicknesses

BBB slab thickness(mm); $.90h_m$, h_m, $1.10h_m$

FP 160,175,195

BP 145,160,175

DP 170,190,210

VP 170,190,210

CCC geometric properties

FP-aspect ratio; 1.0,1.5,2.0

DP-aspect ratio; 1.0,1.5,2.0 (thickness of drop panels below slab:0.25)

BP-stiffness ratio of edge beam and slab; 0.8,2.0,3.0 (aspect ratio equal to 1.0 in all cases)

VP-relative thickness of drop panel below slab; 0.50,0.75 (aspect ratio equal to 1.0 in all cases)

DDD service live load (kPa); 1.9, 2.4, 4.8

EE concrete strength (MPa); 20, 30

FF effective modulus of rupture multiplier of f_e; 0.60,0.30

GG construction load -A, load from 2+3 shoring system

-B, load from 2+1 shoring system

1. Introduction

Canadian (CAN3 A23.3) and American (ACI 318) Concrete Design codes permit two approaches for deflection control of two-way slab systems. If the slab thickness exceeds or is equal to a code specified minimum value, deflections need not be checked. Alternatively thinner slab thicknesses may be used provided calculated deflections of the slab are shown to be smaller than the code-specified limits.

The minimum thickness requirement is the more commonly used approach because of its simplicity compared with the difficulties associated with deflection calculation of two-way slabs. However current Canadian and American minimum thickness equations are empirical and are based on satisfactory previous experience. There does not appear to have been any previous attempt to determine whether the Canadian empirical equations produce slab systems whose performance is consistent with code-specified limits on calculated deflections.

Since the early 1950's the minimum thicknesses have remained the same or have been reduced. At the same time service load stresses in reinforcing steel have increased significantly with the advent of Limit States Design and the use of higher strength steel, leading to a reduction in flexural stiffness of slab systems.

The primary objective of this thesis is the evaluation of current Canadian code minimum thickness equations and particularly the determination of whether calculated

deflections of these slabs satisfy the code-specified limits.

1.1 Problem Statement

The present minimum slab thickness provisions of CAN3 A23.3 are based on satisfactory behaviour of existing slabs using similar thicknesses. The calculated deflections that occur in these slabs and of slabs designed using CAN3 A23.3-M84 are not known and therefore can not be compared to deflection limits of the code.

1.2 Objectives and Scope

The three major objectives of this thesis are to:

1. Evaluate CAN3 A23.3 minimum thickness provisions
2. Identify any limitations in the provisions
3. Recommend changes in the provisions if required.

This analysis of minimum thicknesses was carried out in four steps. They were:

1. Review of minimum thickness provisions of different codes and other proposed methods of calculating minimum thicknesses.
2. Computer simulation of slab deflections using a finite element program to investigate the effects of the following items on calculated deflections;
    i) Load histories, live loads, and construction methodologies.

ii) Concrete material properties

iii) Slab geometric properties.

3. Evaluation of behaviour of slabs designed according to CAN3 A23.3-M84.

4. Identification of important variables in setting minimum thicknesses.

2. Code Provisions

2.1 Introduction

The history and basis of present day minimum thickness provisions of CAN3 A23.3 are discussed in this chapter as well as provisions from three other codes. The Canadian provisions will be compared with provisions of the other countries.

2.2 Canadian and American Code Provisions

Provisions for control of slab deflections of CAN3 A23.3[1] are similar to those of ACI 318[2] . The minimum thickness of slabs without beams using CAN3 A23.3 must be at least,

$$h = \frac{\ell_n\ (\ 800 + f_y/1.5)}{36{,}000} \qquad (2\text{-}1)$$

while Eq. 2-2 is the requirement for ACI 318.

$$h = \frac{\ell_n\ (\ 800 + .005f_y)}{36{,}000} \quad \{\text{Imperial}\} \qquad (2\text{-}2)$$

$$h = \frac{\ell_n\ (\ 800 + f_y/1.4)}{36{,}000} \quad \{\text{Metric}\} \qquad (2\text{-}3)$$

where ℓ_n = clear span,

f_y = yield strength of the reinforcement,

This difference between the codes occurred in 1978 when the Canadian Code (CAN3 A23.3) was revised incorporating S.I. units. Prior to 1978 Eq. 2-2 was used in both codes. The codes call for these thicknesses to be increased for an

exterior panel if the edge beam does not have sufficient flexural stiffness. The slab thickness may be decreased by ten percent if drop panels are used. Full details of CAN3 A23.3 provisions are given in Appendix A.

The minimum thickness provisions used in the A23.3 standard are based on performance of previous slabs. This provision was first used in the 1971 code and a version of this type of thickness equation was used in ACI 318-41. ACI 318-63 required larger increases in the thicknesses than the present provisions for higher strength reinforcement to offset cracking. In reviewing the ACI 318-63 thickness provision ACI Committee 421 felt that a five percent increase of thickness for every 10 ksi (70 MPa) was adequate', instead of the ten percent previously used. Previous minimum thickness provisions of earlier ACI codes are shown in Table 2.1. The table shows two styles of minimum thickness equations, the first, considered not only the effects of geometry but also of loads. The provisions of ACI 318-36 and 318-56 are examples of this type of equation. The codes of 1941, 1963 and the present provisions are of the second type, which only considers the geometry.

Figures 2.1 and 2.2 illustrate the variation in minimum slab thicknesses since 1936. The minimum thicknesses for ACI and A23.3 have remained relatively the same since 1951, but since 1941 there have been major revisions in the strength provisions of the code. The allowable stress in the reinforcement has increased from 124 MPa in 1941 to over

Table 2.1 Minimum Thicknesses Required by ACI Codes for Interior Panels

Year	Type of Slab	Minimum Thickness
1936*	absolute minimum	$.375\ell$
	Flat Slab	$0.038(1 - 1.44\frac{c}{\ell})\ell\sqrt{w'} + 1.5$
	Slab with Drop Panels	$0.02\ell\sqrt{w'} + 1.0$
1941	Flat Slab	$\frac{\ell}{36}$
	Slab with Drop Panels	$\frac{\ell}{40}$
1956*	Flat Slab	$0.028(1 - \frac{2c}{3\ell})\ell(\frac{2000w'}{f'_c})^{.5} + 1.5$
	Slab with Drop Panels	$0.024(1 - \frac{2c}{3\ell})\ell(\frac{2000w'}{f'_c})^{.5} + 1.0$
1963	Flat Slab	$\frac{\ell}{36}$ when f_y= 40,000 ksi
	for Ultimate	$\frac{\ell}{33}$ f_y= 50,000 ksi
	Strength Design	$\frac{\ell}{30}$ f_y= 60,000 ksi
	Slab with Drop Panels	$\frac{\ell}{40}$ when f_y= 40,000 ksi
	for Ultimate	$\frac{\ell}{36}$ f_y= 50,000 ksi
	Strength Design	$\frac{\ell}{33}$ f_y= 60,000 ksi
1971	Flat Slab	$\frac{\ell_n\ (\ 800 + .005f)_y}{36,000}$
	Slab with Drop Panels	$.9\ \frac{\ell_n\ (\ 800 + .005f)_y}{36,000}$

Notes:

* for these codes only

ℓ and c are in feet while the thickness is in inches

w' is the total load on the slab in $\frac{lbs.}{ft^2}$

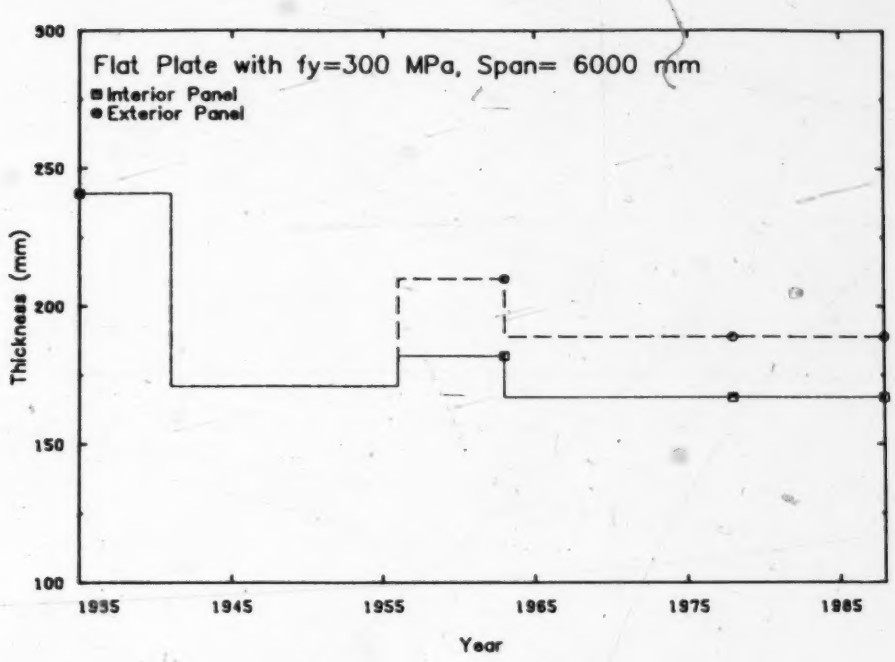

Figure 2.1 ACI Minimum Thicknesses of Flat Plates

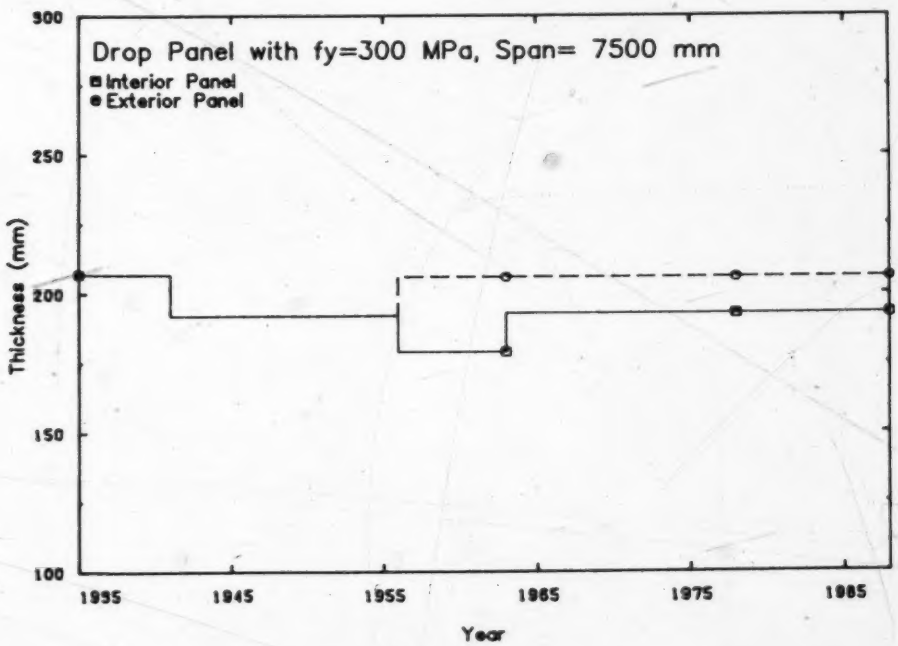

Figure 2.2 ACI Minimum Thicknesses of Flat Slabs with Drop Panels

240 MPa in the latest code. This increase in permissible stresses has led to smaller quantities of reinforcement being placed in slabs, causing currently designed slabs to have less flexural stiffness after cracking. Currently designed slabs will deflect more than those on which the minimum thicknesses are based.

2.3 CEB-FIP Model Code MC 78

Of the four codes considered in this thesis, the CEB-FIP Model Code[4] has the simplest provisions for minimum thickness. The code provision states, *"For information it may be stated that checking the deflections is not indispensable in the following cases"* and cites two situations for slabs;

(a) any slab with a span of less than five meters and

(b) a slab with a thickness greater than $\frac{\xi \ell}{30}$, or $\frac{(\xi \ell)^2}{150}$ when partitions are affected by deflections.

where ℓ is in mm and meters (the second ℓ when considering partitions)

The values for ξ are given in Table 16.1 (CEB Number) in Appendix A. The slab slenderness ratios used in the CEB code were based on the results of a study (Mayer and Rusch[5]) of damage to partitions. It was found that the best way of preventing damage was to limit the thickness-span ratio to $\frac{\ell}{150}$ where ℓ is in meters. Results of their study are shown in Figure 2.3 with the recommended ratios shown in solid lines.

A comparison between Canadian and CEB minimum thickness is difficult because the CEB has no special provisions for flat slabs with drop panels. Therefore, only flat plates were compared. Figure 2.4 shows the minimum thickness of slabs following the CEB provisions as a fraction of the Canadian slab thickness under the same boundary conditions for clear spans of three to ten meters. The figure illustrates that the CEB minimum thickness is generally smaller than the Canadian thickness. The CEB slab thickness for an exterior panel will vary from .78 times the A23.3 thickness at 3 meters to 1.4 times at ten meters. The same situation was also found when the CEB Code was compared to the Australian and British Codes. Gilbert and Rangan[6] in their paper on code provisions concluded that the CEB provisions were "*Totally inadequate for controling deflections*".

2.4 British Concrete Code BS 8110:85

The British Concrete Code CP114 prior to 1972 used a philosophy similar to that of CAN3 A23.3 in using previous experience as a basis for setting minimum thicknesses. The provisions were simple and easy to use but there were concerns developing in the 1960's about excessive deflections and some discrepancies in these provisions[7].

In 1972 the revised code CP110[8] introduced new minimum thickness provisions giving span-effective depth ratios, for various boundary conditions with multipliers to account for

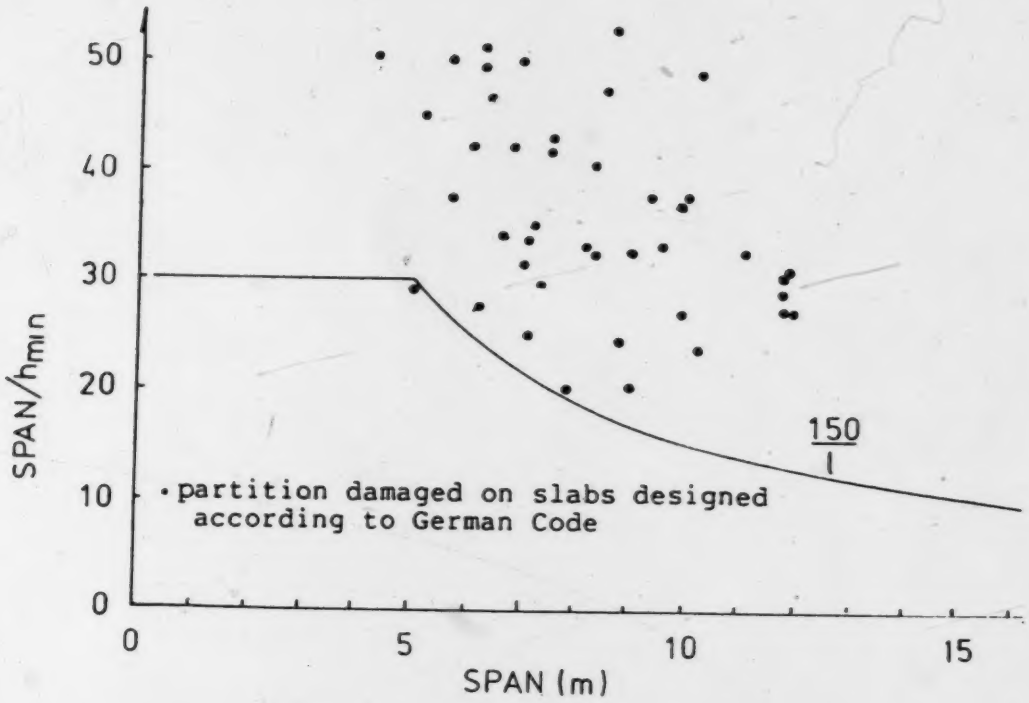

Figure 2.3 Damage to Partitions versus Slab Thickness

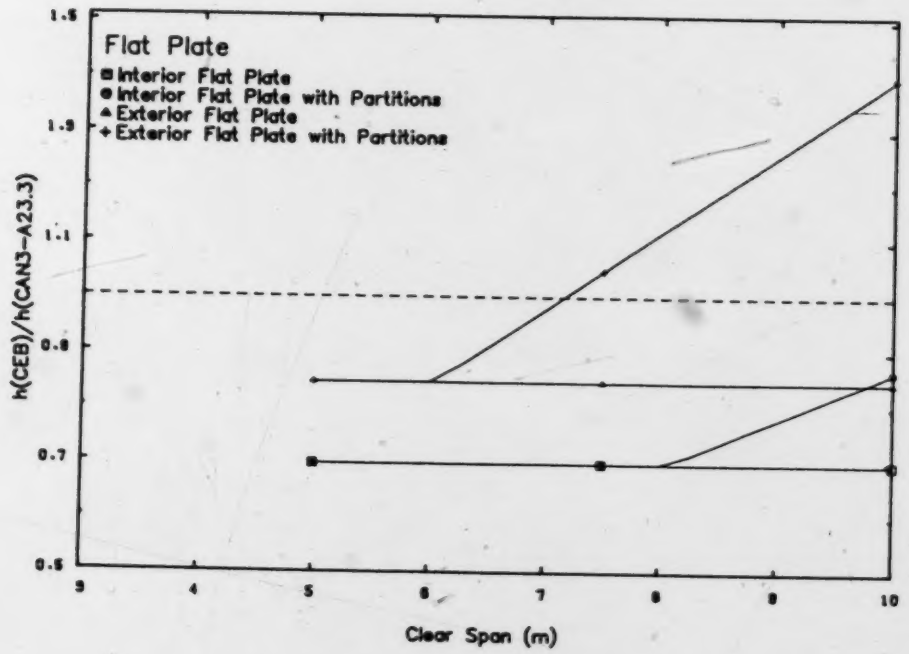

Figure 2.4 Comparison of CEB and A23.3 Minimum Thicknesses

different amounts of tension or compression reinforcement. These multipliers were revised in the new code BS 8110:85' in 1985. The details of the BS 8110 provisions are found in Appendix A.

These code provisions were based on a computer parameter study conducted by Beeby'. In this study Beeby developed standard span-effective depth ratios for beams and slabs, that had a concrete strength of 30 MPa (cube strength), and the multipliers mentioned above. Beeby did this by developing a computer program which would find required effective depths, to limit a member's maximum total deflection to $\frac{\ell}{250}$, or 20 mm, whichever was less, using moment curvatures calculated from accepted stress-strain curves for concrete and reinforcing steel. Details of the assumptions used to develop the multipliers are found in Appendix B. It was common British opinion that these limits would prevent damage to most finishes and partitions'.

Figures 2.5 and 2.6 show the British minimum thickness as a fraction of the A23.3 thickness for clear spans of three to ten meters. The British thicknesses are ten percent less for office loadings at longer clear spans. The larger thicknesses at shorter spans are due to larger absolute minimum thicknesses of 125 mm in BS 8110, compared to 120 mm (flat plates), or 100 mm (drop panels) for the CAN3 A23.3. One may conclude from these figures that A23.3 minimum thickness values are larger than those given by BS 8110 to prevent total deflections of greater than $\frac{\ell}{250}$.

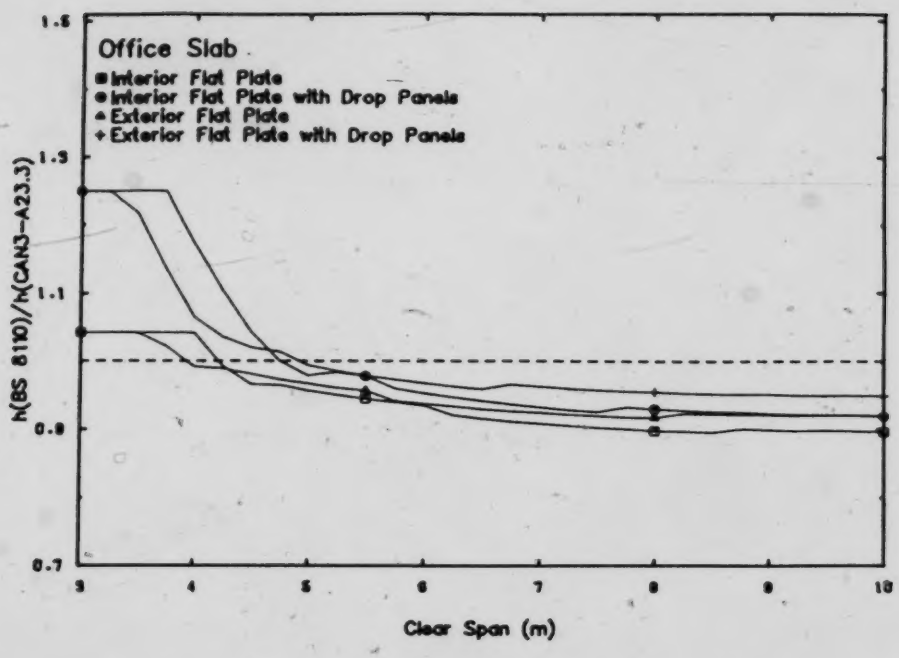

Figure 2.5 Comparison of BS 8110 and A23.3 Minimum Thickness under Office Loadings

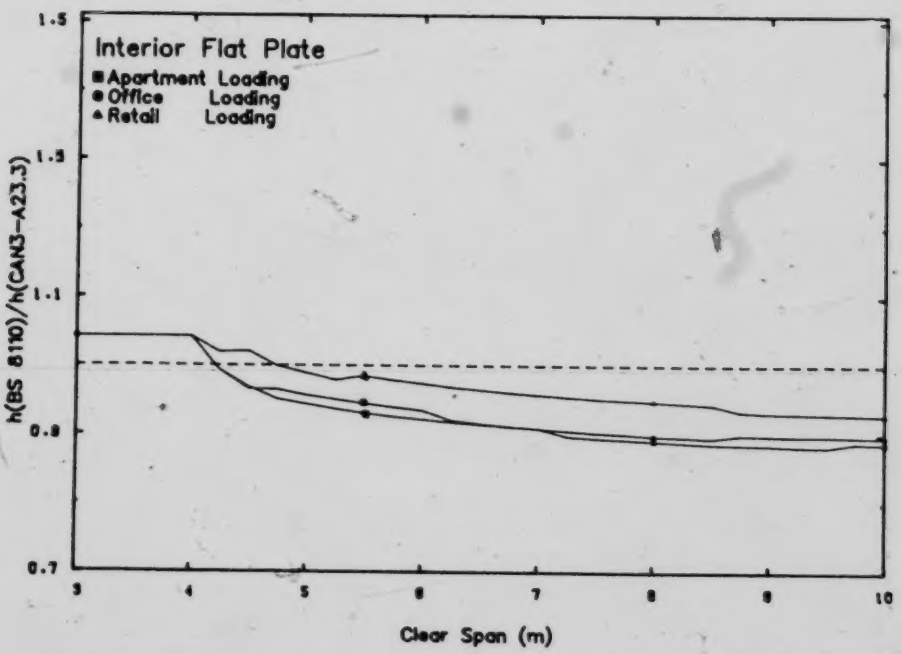

Figure 2.6 Comparison of BS 8110 and A23.3 Minimum Thicknesses under Different Loadings

2.5 Australian Code AS 1480

2.5.1 Historical Review

The 1974 version of AS 1480[10] had two methods of ensuring slab serviceability. The first method limited the span effective depth ratio to specified values. The values used were taken from Beeby's[7] work on beam and slab minimum thicknesses which was also used as the basis of the British Concrete Code CP110:72, as described in section 2.4. This method had the advantage of being fast and simple to use in design. Unfortunately, experiments[11] showed that with the use of higher strength materials some beams, and possibly slabs, were not meeting the overall deflection criteria. Thinner slabs were permitted if deflections were calculated, using American Concrete Institute procedures, which satisfied allowable limits. This method gave accurate results but involved a prohibitive amount of time to complete. The last problem with this version of the concrete code was philosophical. The two methods of satisfying deflection requirements came from different sources. They cannot be related to each other, and it was possible for a beam to meet one section of the code while failing to meet another section.

Work was undertaken in Australia to develop a more consistent approach to deflection control. Rangan[10] developed a new span-effective depth equation for concrete beams based on ACI procedures and Gilbert[12] used computer

simulations to extend its use to slabs.

2.5.2 Draft Code Provisions

The draft provisions for the Australian code[3] require the span to effective depth ratio to be less than -

$$L_e/d = k_3 k_4 \left(\frac{(\Delta/L_e)\times 1000\times E_c}{F_{d.ef}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \qquad (2\text{-}4)$$

where Δ/L_e =required deflection limit.

E_c = the modulus of elasticity

$F_{d.ef}$ =appropiate loading

k_3 = slab system factor

k_4 = location factor

This equation was derived from deflection equation (Eq. 2-5)[10].

$$\Delta_{tot} = \beta\frac{(w_t + \lambda w_{sus})\,\ell^4}{E_c I_e} \qquad (2\text{-}5)$$

and

$$I_e = \Lambda b d^3 \qquad (2\text{-}6)$$

where Δ_{tot} =total deflection

β =deflection factor described in Appendix B

λ =long-term deflection factor from code

w_t =total load on slab

w_{sus} =sustained load on slab

Λ =a function of the reinforcement ratio

Equation 2-5 considered both short and long-term

deflections. The moment of inertia then reduced to a function of bd^3 (Eq. 2-6) by curve fitting Branson's I_e formula, allowing the effective depth (d) to be expressed in terms of the deflection limit (Eq. 2-5). The complete code provision may be found in Appendix A and the detailed derivation of the formula may be found in Appendix B.

An approximation of Branson's I_e was used and Figure 2.9 compares this approximation with calculated values of Branson's I_e. The code provisions assume that $n\rho$ equal to 0.34 will be used in the slabs for the estimation of the effective depth. Figure 2.7 demonstrates that at this value of $n\rho$ the use of the approximation will cause an underestimation of effective depth (d) by three percent when the effective depth to thickness ratio is 0.9, and, an overestimation of d of ten percent if $\frac{d}{h}$ is equal to 0.85 (a more realistic value for slabs). The assumption of $n\rho$ equals 0.34 will also cause error in the restriction of deflections, because the reinforcement ratio will actually vary from this value due to moment capacity requirements. Figure 2.8 indicates the actual deflection as a fraction of the predicted deflection, for slabs under retail loading and a superimposed dead load of 1.5 kPa. The actual deflections were back-calculated using a modification of the code equation (Eq. 2-7) with calculated values of Branson's I_e in the location factor (k_4)

$$\Delta = \frac{F_{d.ef} \times L_e}{1000 \times E_c} \left(\frac{L_e/d}{k_3 k_4}\right)^3 \qquad (2\text{-}7)$$

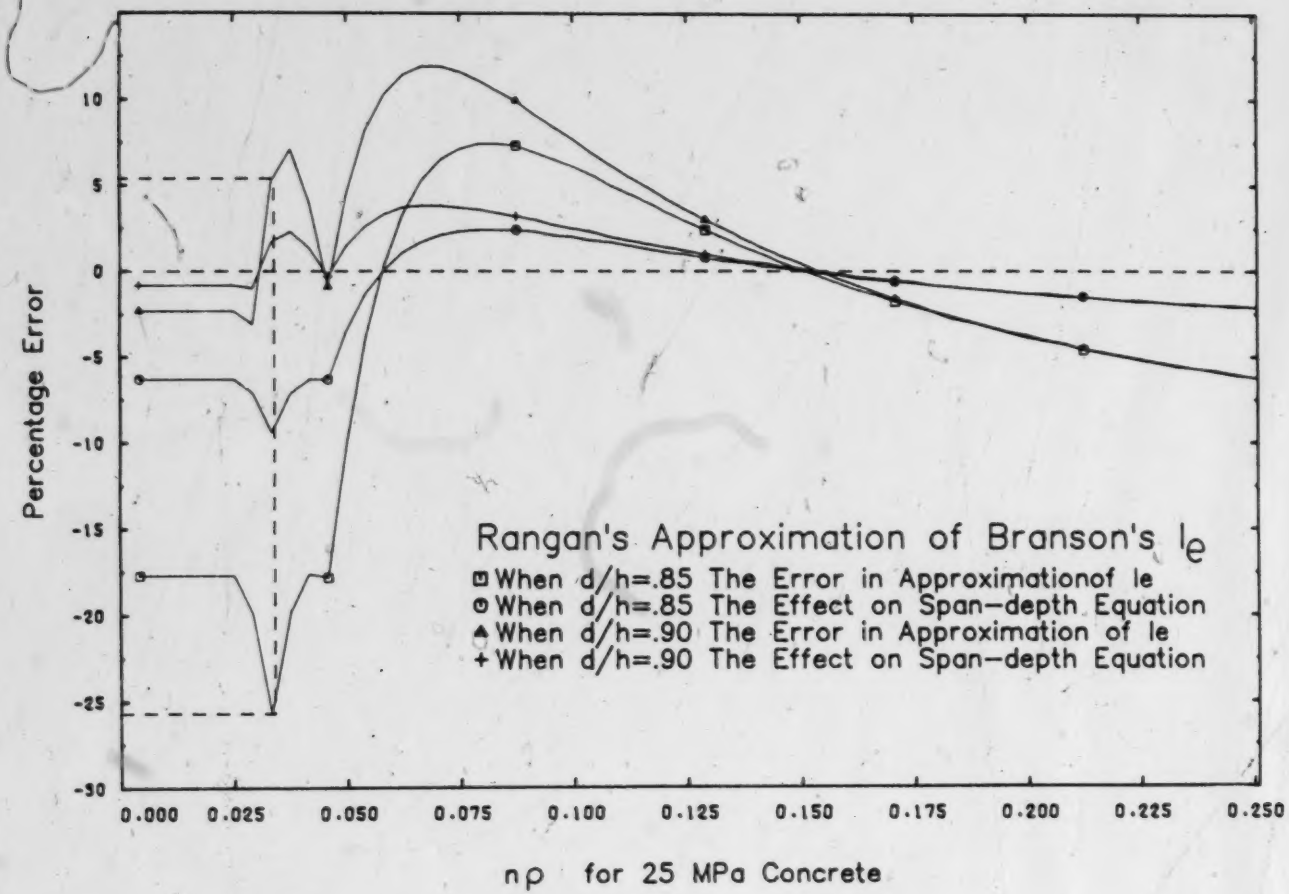

Figure 2.7 Accuracy of Rangan's Approximation of Branson's I_e

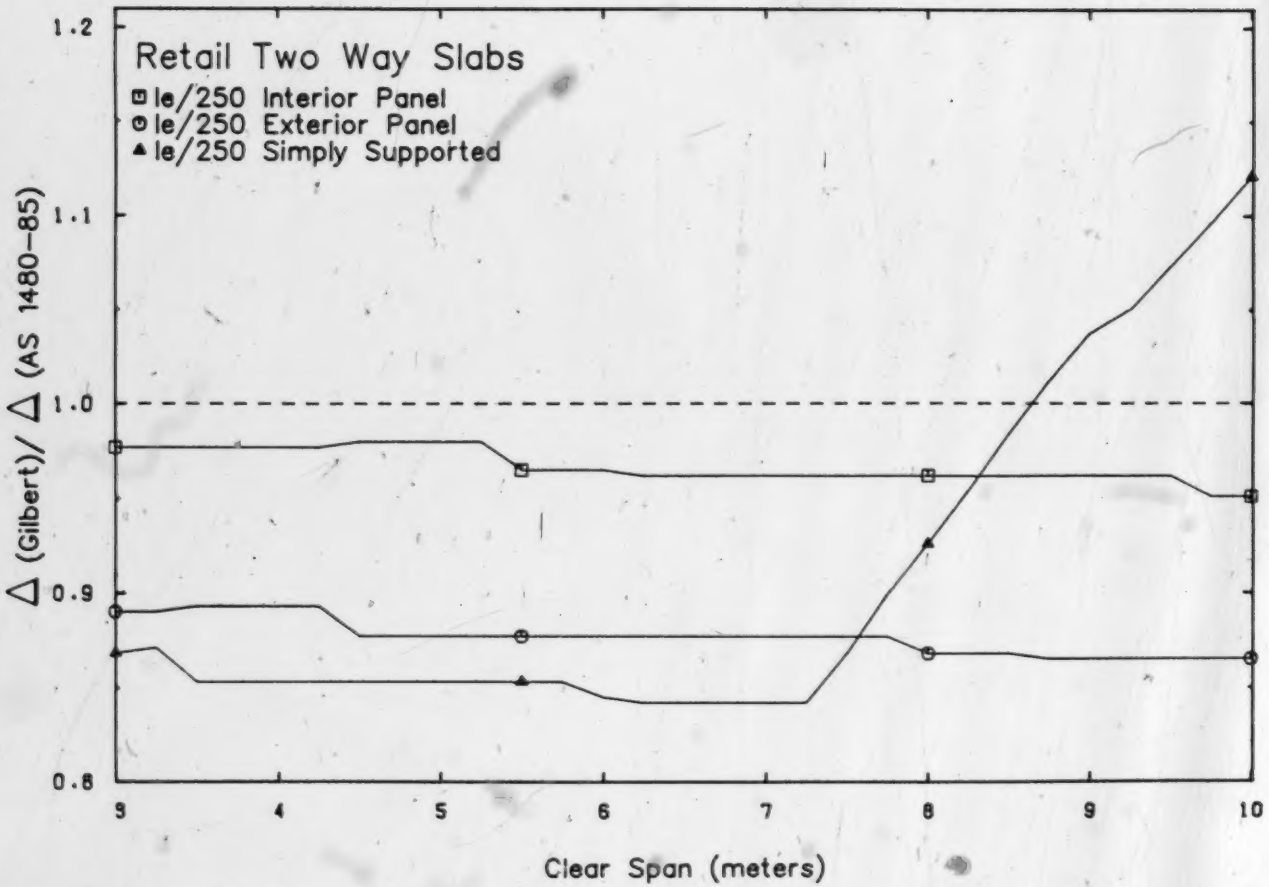

Figure 2.8 Calculated Deflections versus Predicted Deflections

2.5.3 Comparison to Canadian Code

The proposals for the Australian Code and CAN3 A23.3 have been compared for the following deflection limits; incremental deflection of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ (floors with partitions not likely to be damaged by large deflections), $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ (floors with partitions likely to be damaged by large deflections) and a total deflection of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$'. The differences in the difficulty of calculation of minimum slab thicknesses became apparent during the writing of a program comparing the two codes. Provisions in AS 1480 are more complicated, and require an iterative procedure because the weight of the slab must be known to use the equations. In fact, Eq. 2-4 is a simplified slab deflection calculation. The general nature of the formula allows greater flexibility in the choice of different deflection criteria for the slab, such as $\frac{\ell}{240}$, live loads,and concrete strengths.

Figures 2.9 to 2.12 compare minimum slab thicknesses for AS 1480 and CAN3 A23.3 for clear spans (ℓ_n) of three to ten metres using both A23.3 deflection criteria and Canadian Live Loads. Also the following two assumptions were used:
A) the partition and mechanical load is 1.5 kPa ,and
B) the clear cover for the slab was twenty millimetres using number 20 bars as reinforcement.

The figures show for the most common cases of deflection limitation that the Australian code permits a thinner slab than CAN3 A23.3 (e.g. approximately ten percent for flat plates). In addition, the Australian code allows

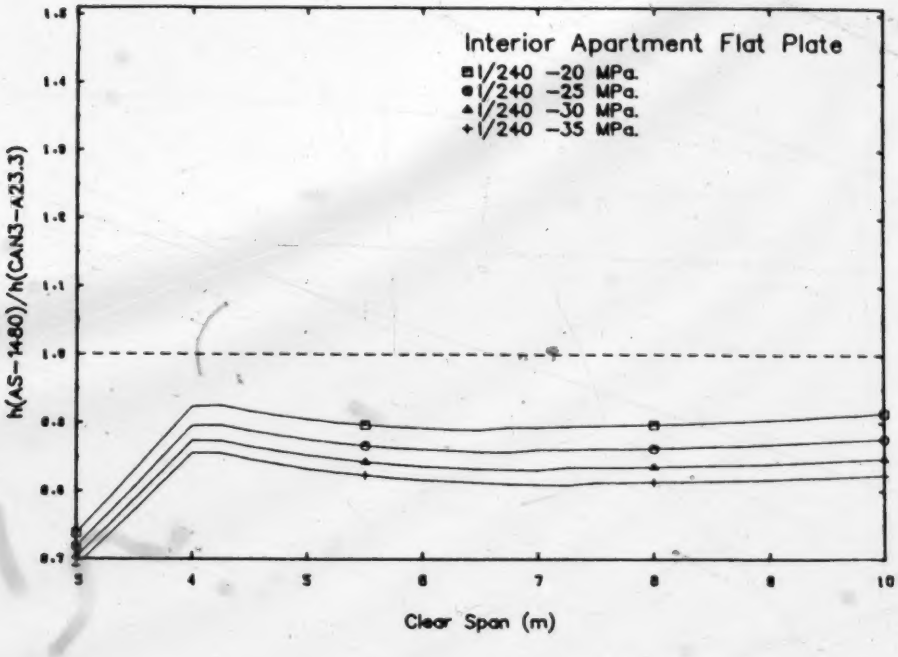

Figure 2.9 Slab Comparisons with Different Concrete Strengths for an Apartment Flat Plate

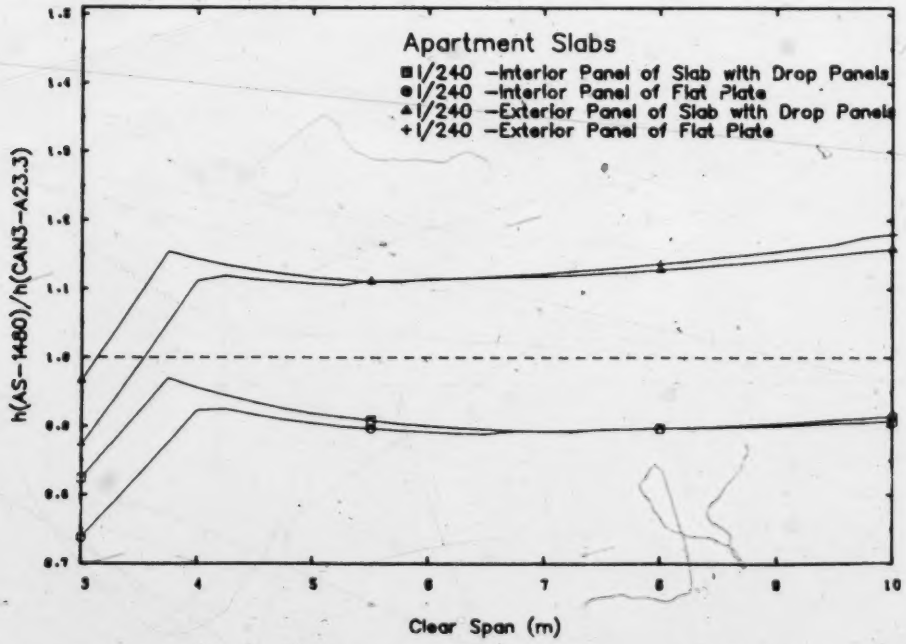
Apartment Slabs
l/240 −Interior Panel of Slab with Drop Panels
l/240 −Interior Panel of Flat Plate
l/240 −Exterior Panel of Slab with Drop Panels
l/240 −Exterior Panel of Flat Plate
h(AS-1480)/h(CAN3-A23.3)
Clear Span (m)

Figure 2.10 Slab Thicknesses for Different Locations for an Apartment Flat Plate

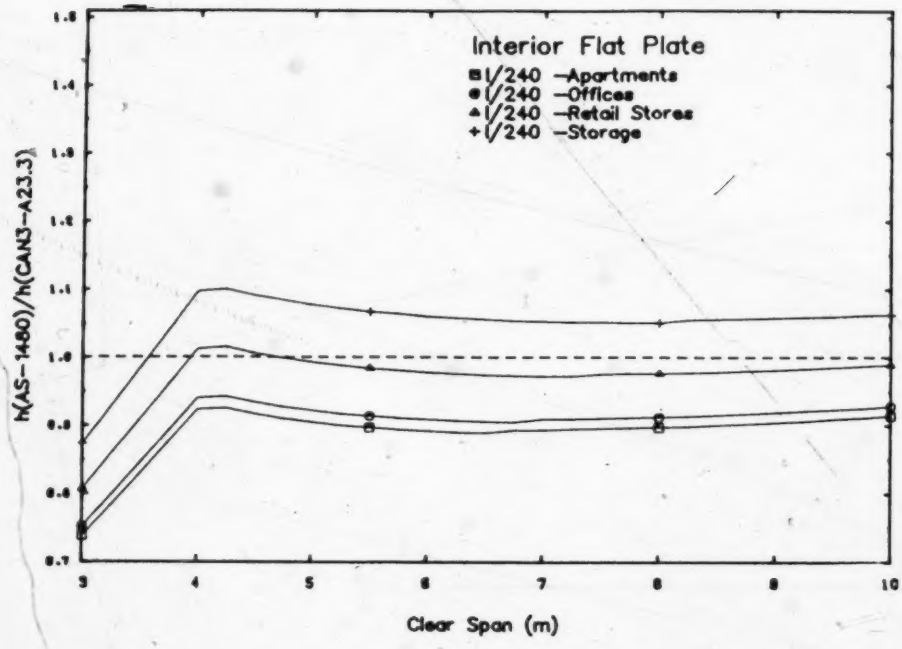

Figure 2.11 Relative Thicknesses for Different Live Loads for an Interior Flat Plate

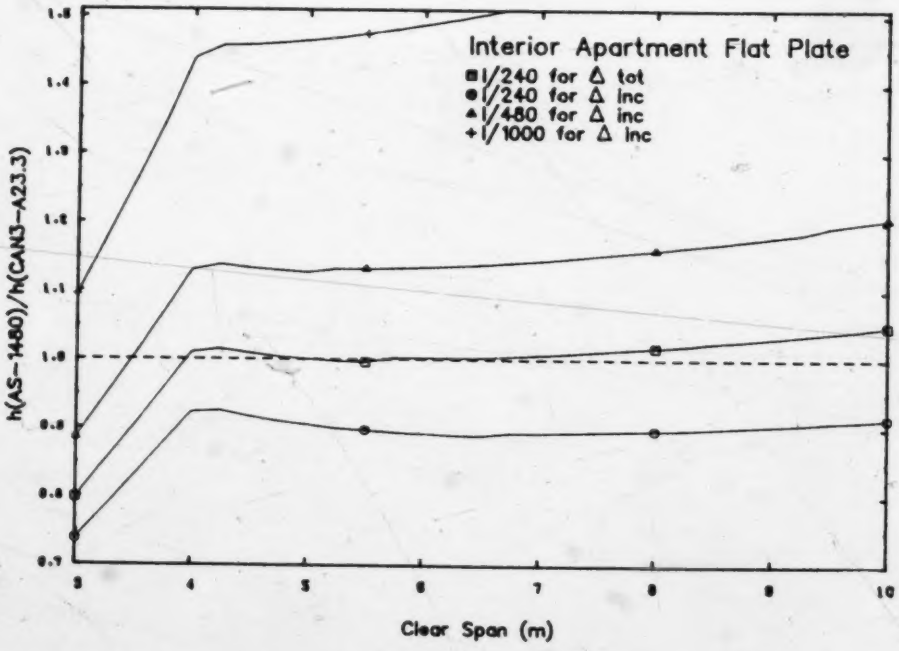

Figure 2.12 Relative Thicknesses for Various Defection Limits for an Apartment Flat Plate

thinner slabs for slabs with higher strength concrete. Figure 2.10 represent Apartment slabs using 20 MPa concrete and an aspect ratio of 1.0. The figure illustrates the relative slab thicknesses for different locations on the floor. Figure 2.10 also indicates that, although thinner slabs than CAN3 A23.3 could be used for interior panels, the Australian code uses thicker slabs for exterior panels of flat plates.

The effect of occupancy loads is demonstrated in Figure 2.11. The minimum thickness for the slab increases in the Australian code for increased loads. Finally Figure 2.12 illustrates the effect of changing the deflection criteria. The slab thickness increases as the deflection limit increases in severity and the total deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ required a thicker slab than for an incremental deflection of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$. The Australian code allows a designer to set the maximum allowable deflection for any type of slab but is more complicated than the Canadian code.

In general the Australian Code provisions permits thinner slabs when governed by an incremental deflection of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ than CAN3 A23.3, while requiring thicker slabs for an incremental deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$. The slab thicknesses for the most common cases for the two codes are within ten percent when an incremental deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ is used.

2.6 Summary

In this chapter minimum thickness provisions from four different codes have been reviewed. In two cases the provisions were developed from the results of computer parameter studies. The provisions in codes BS 8110 and AS 1480 are both cumbersome in that they can require a number of iterations to arrive at their final depth, compared to the CEB and ACI codes where the thickness can be arrived at with one calculation. The British and Australian codes are limited by assumptions used in their formulation. BS 8110 is limited by using only 30 MPa (cube strength) concrete and AS 1480 is limited in assuming that only one reinforcing ratio would be used no matter what the loading.

Summaries of the different code minimum thicknesses are presented in Figures 2.13 and 2.14. The American thickness is two percent greater than A23.3 thickness for both interior and exterior spans, and the British minimum thickness is approximately ten percent less. Australian thicknesses are all larger are greater than A23.3 for span strengths greater than four meters.

The comparison of four different codes has highlighted different approaches in setting minimum thicknesses. In the remainder of this thesis, an in depth study of the current Canadian code provisions (CAN3 A23.3) for two-way slab deflections is undertaken.

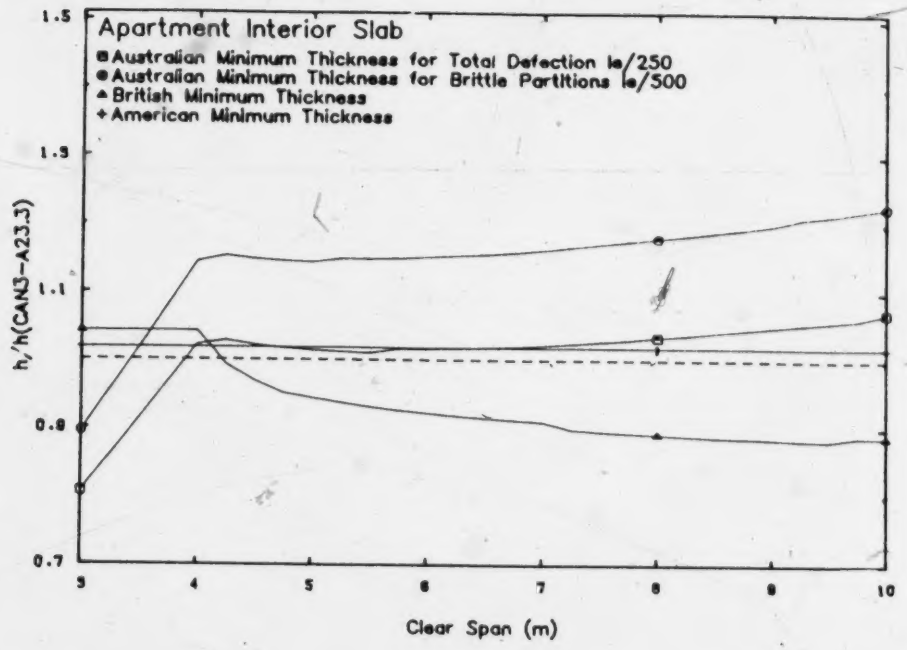

Figure 2.13 Comparison of Minimum Thicknesses for Interior Spans

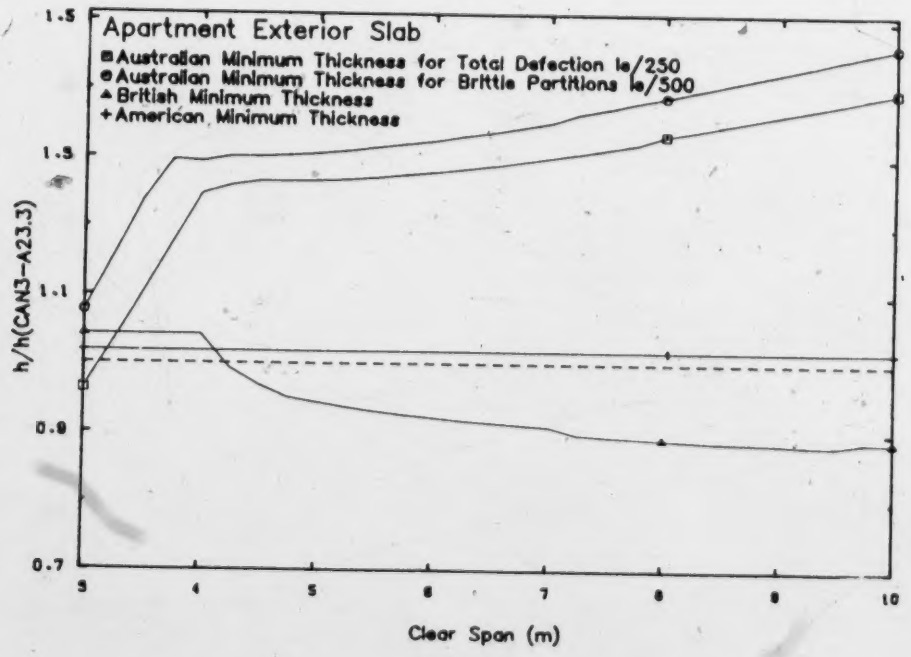

Figure 2.14 Comparison of Minimum Thicknesses for Exterior Spans

3. Analytical Model

3.1 Introduction

A parametric study was conducted to evaluate the minimum thickness provisions for two-way slabs of CAN3 A23.3 for a wide variety of design cases. A finite element analysis was used to compute short-term deflections and long-term multipliers were used to calculate long-term deflections. The calculated long-term deflections were compared with code-specified limits discussed in the next chapter.

The computer similation used consists of two separate programs. The first program, SAPIV, is a linear elastic finite element program, developed by Bathe, Wilson, and Peterson[5]. This program was modified using Scanlon and Murray's[4] proposal to account for cracking of concrete slabs in slab deflection calculations. A second program used the results of the finite element program to simulate the time effects on the slab deflections. Detailed explanations of the finite element program and time dependent deflections are given by Scanlon[7], Tam and Scanlon[8], and Graham and Scanlon[9].

3.2 Finite Element Program

The moment-curvature relationship for plate bending can be modified as described by Scanlon and Murray[4] to account for cracking using Branson's effective moment of inertia

and curvature for an orthotropic materials is written in matrix form as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ M_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{h^3 E_x}{12(1-\nu_x\nu_y)} & \frac{h^3 \nu_x E_y}{12(1-\nu_x\nu_y)} & 0 \\ \frac{h^3 \nu_y E_x}{12(1-\nu_x\nu_y)} & \frac{h^3 E_y}{12(1-\nu_x\nu_y)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{h^3 G_c}{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_x \\ \phi_y \\ \phi_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$E_x = \kappa_x E_c \qquad \nu_x = \kappa_x \nu_c \tag{3-2}$$

$$\kappa_x = \frac{I_{ex}}{I_g} \qquad I_{ex} = \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_x}\right)^3 (I_g - I_{cr}) + I_{cr} \tag{3-3}$$

when

$$M_{cr} = f_e S \quad \text{and} \quad f_e = f_r - f_{sh} \tag{3-4}$$

M_x =unit moment in X direction

M_y =unit moment in Y direction

M_{xy} =unit twisting moment

ϕ_x =curvature in X direction

ϕ_y =curvature in Y direction

ϕ_{xy} =twisting curvature

ν_c =Poisson's ratio of Concrete (.15)

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E_c =Modulus of Elasticity of Concrete

G_c =Shear Modulus of Concrete

S =Section Modulus of Element

h =thickness of slab

f_r =Modulus of Rupture of Concrete ($.60\sqrt{f'_c}$)

f_{sh} =Shrinkage stress

This constitutive relationship was developed using the following five assumptions, which limit its applicability:

1. Linear elastic response with no yielding of reinforcing steel occurring.
2. Cracking of the slab is modelled using Branson's cubic equation.
3. It is assumed that reinforcing is placed orthogonally in the direction of x or y axis. Moments M_x and M_y on an element are compared with the specified cracking moment, and the plate bending stiffness of that element is modified according to Branson's cubic equation if the cracking moment is exceeded in either direction. This is an approximation of the usual cracking criterion where principal moments are compared with the specific cracking moment. However for uniformly loaded rectangular slabs the principal moments and M_x, M_y moments coincide over a significant area of the slab, particularly in the critical areas along column lines

and the mid-span centre lines as illustrated in the example of Figure 3.1.

4. The shear modulus G_c is assumed for simplicity to be unaffected by cracking.

3.3 Structural Modelling

A three bay slab, shown in Figure 3.2, was considered in this parameter study with the top left quarter-section being analysed. The finite element mesh with the fixed degrees of freedom used is shown in Figure 3.3. The u and v translations were fixed. The rotations along 1-2 and 2-3 were fixed because these lines are axes of symmetry. The columns were modelled using line beam elements and four plate elements. The elastic properties of the columns I_x, I_y, J and Area were included as the beam properties and the beams were fully fixed at a floor height of three meters above and below the slab. The rotations and deflection at the center of the column were projected to the edge of the columns using four plate elements which were made infinitely stiff to allow only rigid body rotations.

Drop panels were modelled as plate elements projecting above and below the slab with the same thickness of actual drop panels. The edge beams were modelled, again using plate elements, so that cracking could be accounted for. The plate thicknesses were adjusted to provide same elastic values for the moment of inertia and section modulus approximately equal to those of the beam being modelled. T-beam beam

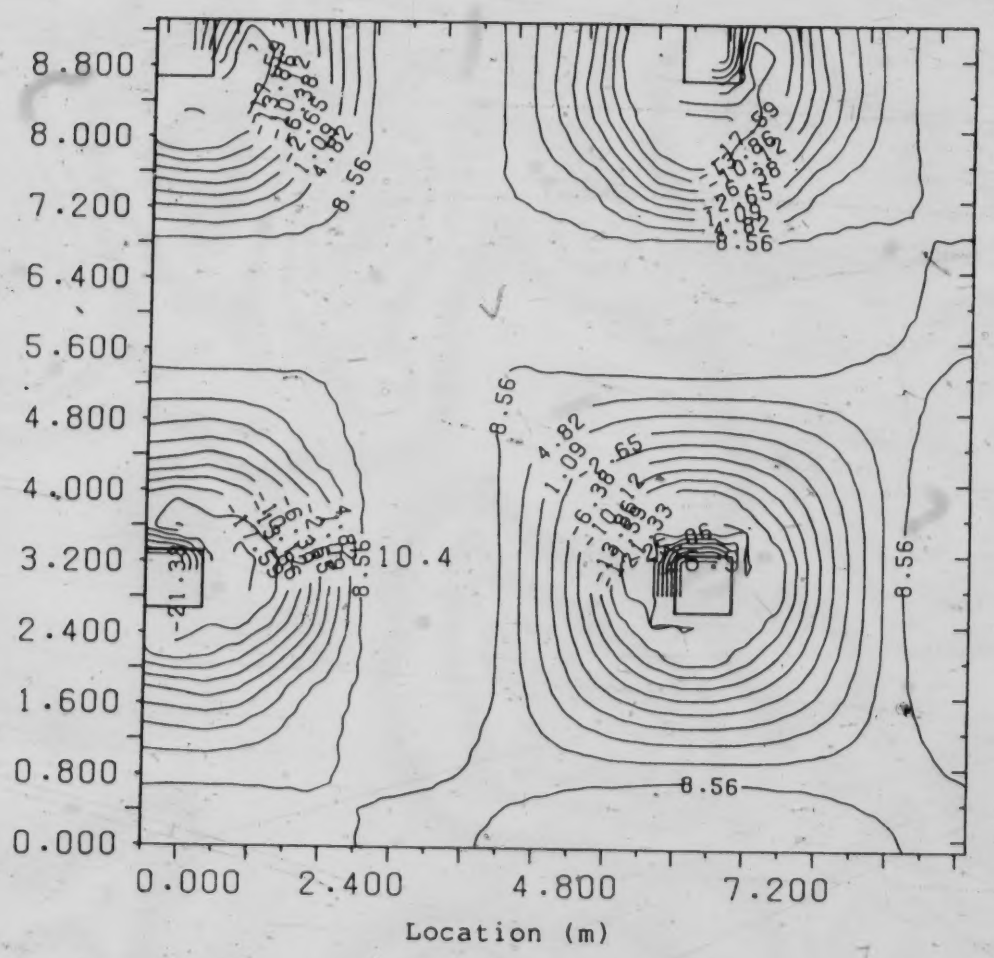
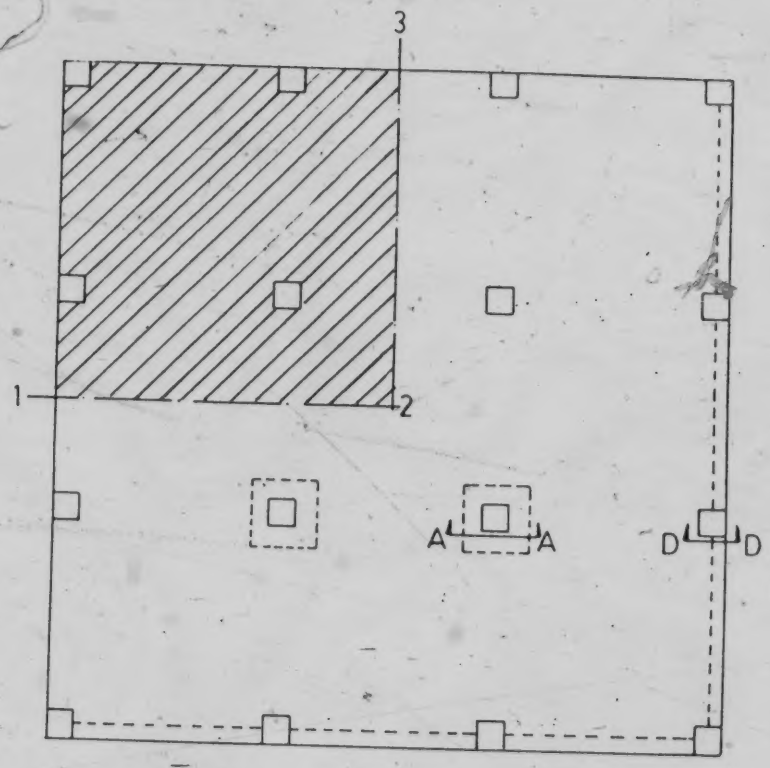


Figure 3.1 Principal Moments of a Flat Plate Studied under Construction Loads



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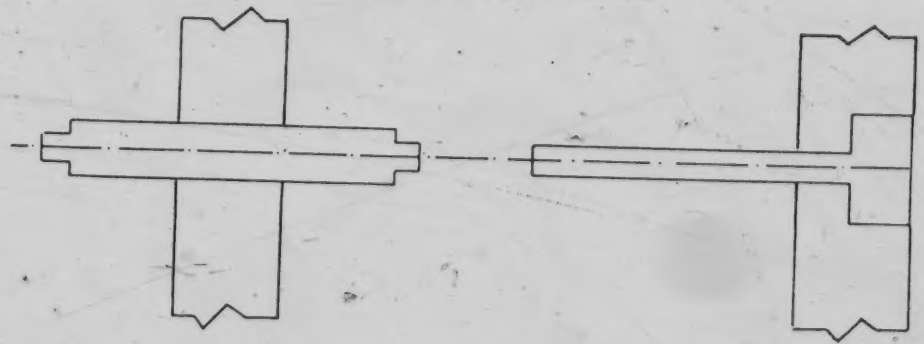

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BEAM MODEL

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Figure 3.2 Layout of Slab Model Analysed

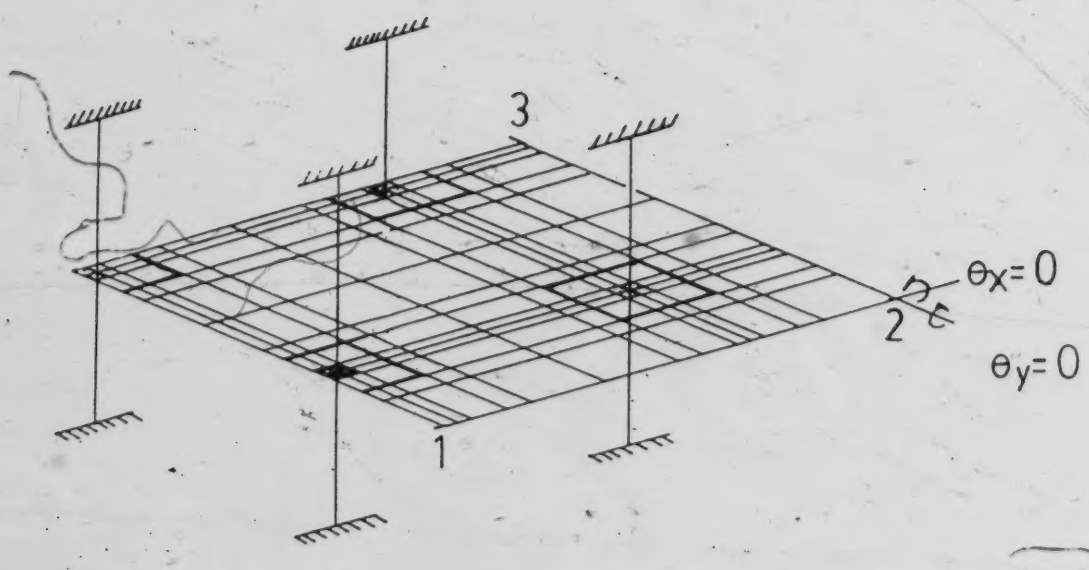

Figure 3.3 Finite Element Mesh with Fixed Degrees of Freedom

action was considered in developing flexural stiffness properties. The models used for drop panels and edge beams are shown in Figure 3.2.

3.4 Computer Program Modelling of Time Dependent Properties

The second program simulated the variation of slab deflection over time. The time-varying properties were the modulus of elasticity, shrinkage and creep. To be able to model these material properties one must know: mix design, type and time of curing, and temperature during the curing of the concrete.

This study assumed that type 1 normal weight concrete would be used that was moist cured for seven days. The weather during the time of simulation was assumed to have an average temperature over a twenty-four hour period of 20 degrees Celsius with relative humidity of less than forty percent.

The modulus of elasticity was modelled using the recommended equation from ACI Commmittee 209[20].

$$E_c(t) = .043 \text{ mass}^{1.5} \sqrt{f_c(t)} \qquad (3\text{-}5)$$

where mass = mass of the concrete (2400 $\frac{kg}{m^3}$ for normal weight concrete)

$f_c(t)$ = concrete strength at time t, Eq. 3-6

$$f_c(t) = \frac{t}{4.0 + .85t} f'_c \qquad (3\text{-}6)$$

which is the recommended time function for type 1 concrete

by ACI Committee 209.

Creep and shrinkage are not as well defined as the time dependent function of concrete strength. Creep deflections are modelled using

$$\Delta_c = k_r \, \nu_c(t,t_{la}) \, \Delta_e \qquad (3\text{-}7)$$

where Δ_c =long-term creep deflection

$\nu_c(t,t_{la})$ =time dependent creep coefficient Eq. 3-8

k_r =factor accounting for effect of compression reinforcement in shifting of the neutral axis. $k_r = 0.85$, when $A'_s = 0$

Δ_e =immediate elastic deflection

and $\nu_c(t,t_{la})$ is calculated by

$$\nu_c(t,t_{la}) = \frac{(t - t_{la})^a}{p + (t - t_{la})^a} \, \gamma_{ch} \, \gamma_{cl} \, \nu_u \qquad (3\text{-}8)$$

where ν_u =ultimate creep coefficient, ACI 209 recommends 2.35

t =time in days

t_{la} =time of load application

γ_{ch} =modifier to account for slab thickness, Eq. 3-9

γ_{cl} =modifier to account for time of loading, Eq. 3-10

a, p = defined by experimental data, ACI 209 recommends a = 0.6 and p = 10.

The ultimate creep coefficient is dependent upon the method of curing. There are a number of factors that are used to develop a final coefficient. These factors are, mixture of concrete, thickness of slab and method of curing. This study will use Eq. 3-9 to account for the thickness and Eq. 3-10 for the time of loading while assuming that all other factors follow for normally moist cured concrete.

$$\gamma_{ch} = 1.10 - 0.00067h \qquad (3\text{-}9)$$

$$\gamma_{cl} = 1.25\, t_{la}^{-0.118} \qquad (3\text{-}10)$$

where h = slab thickness

t_{la} = time of load application

The creep deflection equation (Eq. 3-8) is for constant sustained load. The study will be considering many variations in loads and this will be applied to the creep deflections using the principle of superposition proposed by McHenry[21]. Bazant[22] has reported that conditions under which superposition agrees with experimental data are:

1. the stress magnitudes are forty to fifty percent of the concrete strength (service load range),
2. strains do not decrease in magnitude but stresses can,
3. the specimen does not undergo significant drying during creep,
4. there is no large increase of stress magnitude after the

initial loading.

Bazant has also reported that by using the principle of superposition, creep recovery (the amount of creep recovered after a load is removed) is overestimated by up to fifty percent. The study will consider creep recovery as fifty percent of the calculated value.

Shrinkage deflections were calculated using the modification factor developed by Graham and Scanlon''.

$$\Delta sh = \eta_{sh}(t)\ \Delta_{e,sus} \qquad (3\text{-}11)$$

$$\eta_{sh}(t) = \frac{\epsilon_{sh}(t,t_o)}{780 \times 10^{-6}}\ \eta_{sh} \qquad (3\text{-}12)$$

where $\Delta_{e,sus}$ =immediate deflection calculated using sustained loads on the slab

Δ_{sh} =long-term shrinkage deflection

η_{sh} =shrinkage deflection factor

= 1.75 (3 years), 1.77 (5 years), when $f_e = .60\sqrt{f'_c}$

=0.75 (3 years), 0.76 (5 years), when $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$

$\epsilon_{sh}(t,t_o)$ =shrinkage coefficient of the slab at time t

The ultimate shrinkage coefficient is calculated using modification factors to account for mix of concrete, duration of shrinkage and thickness of slab. The

modification factors for shrinkage used in the thesis are,

$$\epsilon_{sh}(t,t_o) = \frac{(t - t_o)^a}{p + (t - t_o)^a} \gamma_{sh} \epsilon_{shu} \qquad (3\text{-}13)$$

$$\gamma_{sh} = 1.10 - 0.00067h \qquad (3\text{-}14)$$

where t =time in days

t_o =time in days since placement of concrete

a, p =found from experimental results, ACI 209 recommends $a = 1.0$ and $p = 35.0$.

The time functions for both the creep and shrinkage deflections are based on experimental data. There is a large scatter in experimental results from which these functions were derived. Figures 3.4 and 3.5 illustrate the time functions of creep and shrinkage with the outer bounds as reported by ACI 209.

Studies have been carried out by Graham and Scanlon[1] and Jokinen and Scanlon[2] comparing the predictions of these programs to field measurements.Reasonable correlation was reported. The study by Jokinen and Scanlon also reported a wide scatter of observed deflections especially when shrinkage and creep deflections were included. The distribution of deflections was considered outside of the scope of this thesis.

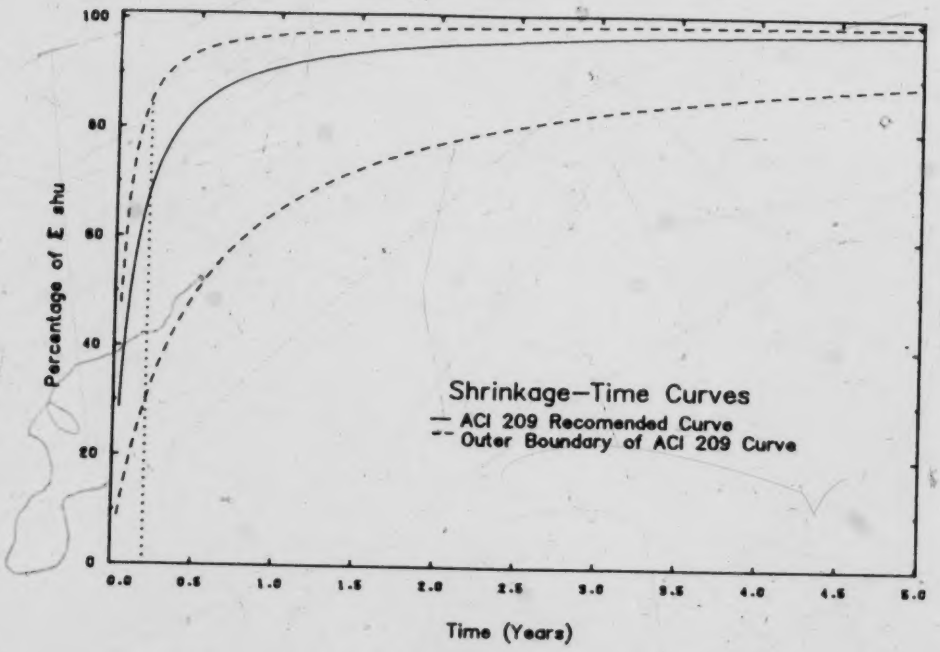

Figure 3.4 Shrinkage-Time Curve

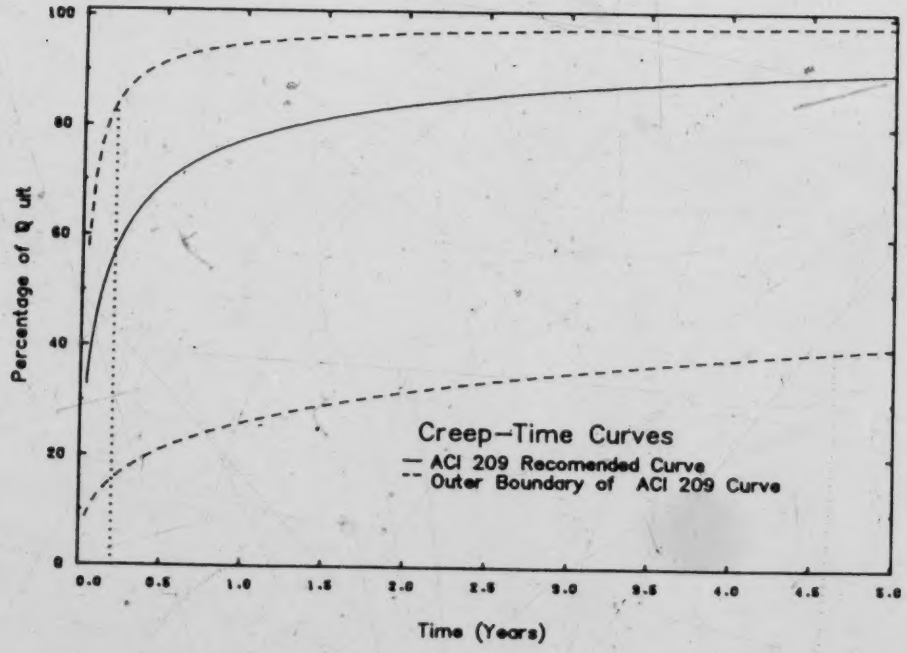

Figure 3.5 Creep-Time Curve

3.5 Summary

This chapter describes the two similation programs used in the parameter study. The first program is a finite element program which models the short-term deflections of the slabs including the effects of cracking. The second program uses ACI recommended equations and a long-term factor recommended by Scanlon and Graham'' for shrinkage to calculate deflections at five years.

4. Parameters

4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the variables considered in the parametric study of the criteria used in the evaluation of calculated slab deflections.

4.2 Slab Design

The slabs used in this study were designed according to CAN3 A23.3-M84 using the Direct Design Method, with the slab thickness set in accordance with clause 9.5.3.2.1 and being rounded up to the nearest 5 mm. Slabs with thicknesses ten percent less than and greater than the specified minimum thickness were also designed for use in this study. Figure 4.1 and Tables 4.1 and 4.2 show the layout and amount of reinforcement used for the different slabs and live loads considered. The reinforcement was calculated using a concrete strength of 20 MPa and a steel strength of 400 MPa. Identical reinforcement was also used for slabs with 30 MPa concrete, and provided approximately five percent more steel than required for strength.

The column size was held constant and was chosen to prevent punching failure at the columns for the thinnest slabs under office loading.

The slabs were designed using design live loads including a live load reduction factor and a superimposed dead load of 1.5 kPa. The design capacity of the slab was

Table 4.1 Reinforcement Schedule of Bottom Steel for Slabs

Slab	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
FP:160:2.0:2.4:::	4+4-#10	3+2-#10	3+3-#10	3+2-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10
FP:160:1.5:2.4:::	6+5-#10	4+3-#10	4+3-#10	4+3-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10
FP:160:1.0:2.4:::	8+8-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	9+8-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	5+5-#10
FP:175:2.0:2.4:::	4+4-#10	3+3-#10	3+3-#10	3+3-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10
FP:175:1.5:2.4:::	5+5-#10	4+3-#10	4+3-#10	4+3-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10
FP:175:1.0:2.4:::	8+7-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	9+9-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10
FP:195:2.0:2.4:::	4+3-#10	3+3-#10	3+3-#10	3+3-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
FP:195:1.5:2.4:::	4+5-#10	4+4-#10	4+4-#10	4+4-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
FP:195:1.0:2.4:::	7+7-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	7+7-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
FP:160:2.0:4.8:::	5+6-#10	4+3-#10	4+3-#10	3+2-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10
FP:160:1.5:4.8:::	8+8-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	4+3-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10
FP:160:1.0:4.8:::*	6+5-#15	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	5+5-#10	7+6-#15	9+8-#10	9+8-#10	6+5-#10
FP:175:2.0:4.8:::	5+5-#10	3+3-#10	4+3-#10	3+3-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10
FP:175:1.5:4.8:::	7+6-#10	5+4-#10	5+4-#10	4+3-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10
FP:175:1.0:4.8:::*	6+5-#15	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	6+5-#10	6+6-#15	9+6-#10	9+6-#10	5+5-#10
FP:195:2.0:4.8:::	5+4-#10	3+3-#10	3+3-#10	3+3-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
FP:195:1.5:4.8:::	6+6-#10	4+4-#10	4+4-#10	4+4-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
FP:195:1.0:4.8:::*	5+5-#15	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+5-#15	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	6+6-#10
FP:145:1.0:2.4:::	8+8-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	5+4-#10	5+5-#15	7+6-#10	7+6-#10	5+4-#10
BP:145::2.4:::	8+8-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	5+4-#10	5+5-#15	7+6-#10	7+6-#10	5+4-#10
BP:160::2.4:::	8+7-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	9+8-#10	5+5-#10	6+6-#10	5+5-#10
BP:175::2.4:::	7+7-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	8+8-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10	6+5-#10

Table 4.1 Reinforcement Schedule of Bottom Steel for Slabs : Continued

Slab	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
DP:170:2.0:2.4:::	7+6-#10	4+4-#10	4+4-#10	3+3-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
DP:170:1.5:2.4:::	8+8-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	4+4-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
DP:170:1.0:2.4:::	6+6-#15	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#15	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	6+6-#10
DP:190:2.0:2.4:::	6+5-#10	4+4-#10	4+4-#10	4+3-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10
DP:190:1.5:2.4:::	8+7-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+4-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10
DP:190:1.0:2.4:::	5+5-#15	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	7+7-#10	6+6-#15	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	7+7-#10
DP:210:2.0:2.4:::	6+5-#10	4+4-#10	4+4-#10	4+4-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10
DP:210:1.5:2.4:::	7+7-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10
DP:210:1.0:2.4:::	9+8-#10	7+6-#10	7+6-#10	7+6-#10	9+9-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	8+7-#10
DP:170:2.0:4.8:::	9+8-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	4+4-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
DP:170:1.5:4.8:::	6+5-#15	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	5+5-#10	7+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10	6+6-#10
DP:190:2.0:4.8:::	8+7-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	4+3-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10
DP:190:1.5:4.8:::	5+5-#15	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	5+4-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10	7+7-#10
DP:210:2.0:4.8:::	7+7-#10	5+5-#10	5+5-#10	4+4-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10
DP:210:1.5:4.8:::	5+5-#15	7+6-#10	7+6-#10	5+5-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10	8+7-#10

Notes:

* slab fails in punching shear

1.)Edge beam reinforcement 3-#15

2.)Addition 3-#15 to be placed under exterior walls

3.)Details of slab reinforcing to satisfy requirements of CAN3 A23.3 clause 13.4.8

Table 4.2 Reinforcement Schedule of Top Steel for Slabs

Slab	J	M	N	O	P	U	V
FP:160:2.0:2.4:::	#10@300	5+5-#10	10-#10	5-#10	7+6-#10	2-#15	2-#10
FP:160:1.5:2.4:::	#10@300	6+6-#10	10-#10	7-#10	9+9-#10	5-#10	2-#15
FP:160:1.0:2.4:::	#10@300	7+7-#15	10-#10	10-#10	7+6-#15	4-#15	2-#15
FP:175:2.0:2.4:::	#10@300	6+5-#10	11-#10	6-#10	6+6-#10	2-#15	-
FP:175:1.5:2.4:::	#10@300	6+5-#10	11-#10	7-#10	8+8-#10	5-#10	-
FP:175:1.0:2.4:::	#10@300	7+7-#15	11-#10	11-#10	6+6-#15	4-#15	4-#15
FP:195:2.0:2.4:::	#10@300	6+6-#10	12-#10	6-#10	6+6-#10	2-#15	-
FP:195:1.5:2.4:::	#10@300	6+6-#10	12-#10	8 -#10	8+7-#10	5-#10	3-#10
FP:195:1.0:2.4:::	#10@300	6+6-#15	12-#10	12-#10	6+5-#15	3-#15	4-#15
FP:160:2.0:4.8:::	#10@300	5+5-#10	10-#10	6-#10	9+9-#10	3-#15	3-#10
FP:160:1.5:4.8:::	#10@300	8+8-#10	10-#10	8-#10	6+6-#15	4-#15	5-#10
FP:160:1.0:4.8:::*	#10@300	8+7-#20	12-#10	12-#10	7+6-#20	4-#20	7-#15
FP:175:2.0:4.8:::	#10@300	6+5-#10	11-#10	6-#10	9+8-#10	5-#10	1-#20
FP:175:1.5:4.8:::	#10@300	7+7-#10	11-#10	7-#10	6+5-#15	7-#10	5-#10
FP:175:1.0:4.8:::*	#10@300	7+7-#20	11-#10	11-#10	6+6-#20	4-#20	4-#20
FP:195:2.0:4.8:::	#10@300	6+6-#10	12-#10	6-#10	8+7-#10	5-#10	1-#15
FP:195:1.5:4.8:::	#10@300	6+6-#10	12-#10	8-#10	5+5-#15	3-#15	2-#15
FP:195:1.0:4.8:::*	#10@300	6+6-#20	12-#10	12-#10	8+8-#15	5-#15	4-#20
FP:145:1.0:2.4:::	#10@300	7+6-#20	9-#10	9-#10	8+8-#15	2-#15	2-#15
BP:145::2.4:::	#10@300	7+6-#20	9-#10	9-#10	8+8-#15	2-#15	2-#15
BP:160::2.4:::	#10@300	7+7-#15	10-#10	10-#10	7+6-#15	1-#20	1-#20
BP:175::2.4:::	#10@300	7+7-#15	11-#10	11-#10	6+6-#15	2-#15	2-#15

Table 4.2 Reinforcement Schedule of Top Steel for Slabs : Continued

Slab	J	M	N	O	P	U	V
DP:170:2.0:2.4:::	#10@300	8+7-#10	12-#10	7-#10	8+7-#10	5-#10	-
DP:170:1.5:2.4:::	#10@300	8+7-#10	12-#10	9-#10	5+5-#15	4-#15	2-#15
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DP:190:1.5:2.4:::	#10@300	9+8-#10	14-#10	9-#10	5+5-#15	3-#15	2-#15
DP:190:1.0:2.4:::	#10@300	7+7-#15	14-#10	14-#10	7+7-#15	3-#20	5-#15
DP:210:2.0:2.4:::	#10@300	5+5-#15	15-#10	8-#10	7+7-#10	5-#10	-
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DP:210:1.0:2.4:::	#10@300	7+7-#15	15-#10	15-#10	7+7-#15	3-#20	3-#20
DP:170:2.0:4.8:::	#10@300	8+7-#10	12-#10	9-#10	5+5-#15	7-#10	3-#10
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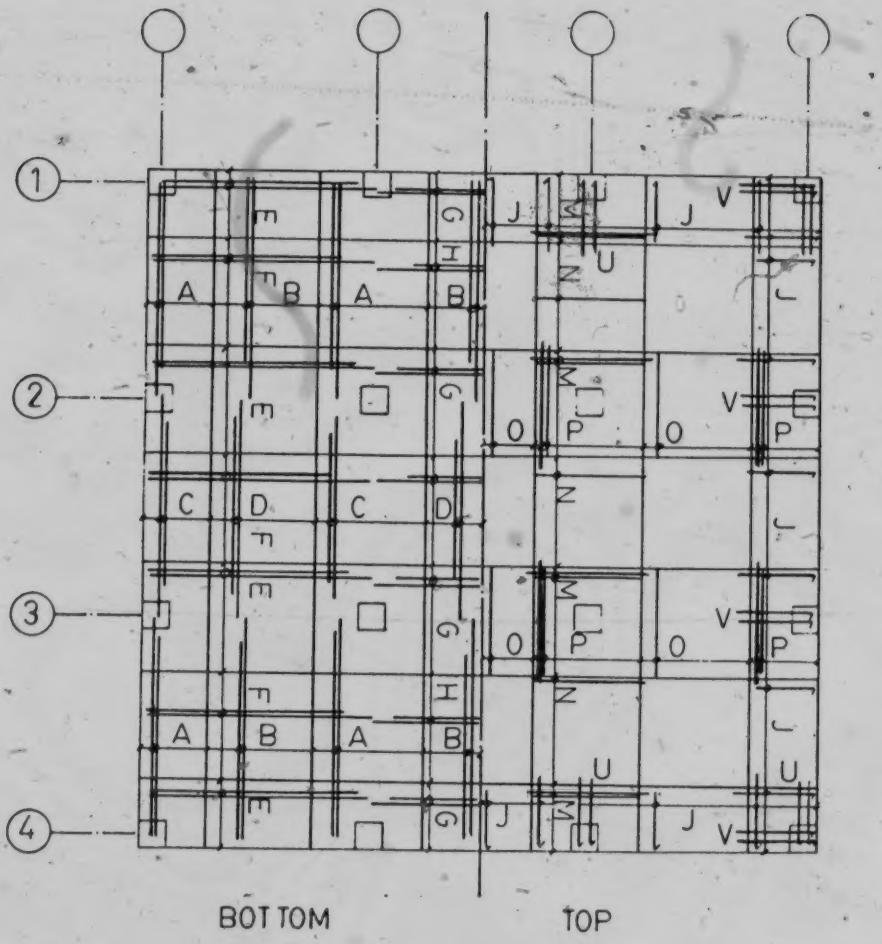
DP:190:2.0:4.8:::	#10@300	9+8-#10	14-#10	8-#10	5+4-#15	3-#15	-
DP:190:1.5:4.8:::	#10@300	9+8-#10	14-#10	12-#10	7+6-#15	4-#15	3-#15
DP:210:2.0:4.8:::	#10@300	5+5-#15	15-#10	8-#10	9+9-#10	2-#20	-
DP:210:1.5:4.8:::	#10@300	5+5-#15	15-#10	10-#10	7+6-#15	4-#15	5-#10

Notes:

* slab fails in punching shear

1.)Edge beam reinforcement 3-#15 over columns

3.)Details of slab reinforcing to satisfy requirements of CAN3 A23.3 clause 13.4.8



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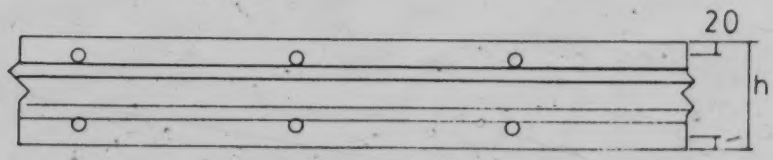

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Figure 4.1 Reinforcement Layout for Slabs

later checked against a construction shoring load of two levels of shoring and three levels of reshores.

4.3 Slab Designation

The parameters considered are described in the slab titles which use the following format.

AA:BBB:CCC:DDD:EE:FF:GG

where AA slab type

FP Flat Plate

BP Flat Plate with edge beams

DP Flat Slab with drop panels

VP Flat Slab with drop panels of various thicknesses

BBB slab thickness(mm); $.90h_m$, h_m, $1.10h_m$

FP	160,175,195
BP	145,160,175
DP	170,190,210
VP	170,190,210

CCC geometric properties

FP-aspect ratio; 1.0,1.5,2.0

DP-aspect ratio; 1.0,1.5,2.0 (thickness of drop panels below slab:0.25)

BP-stiffness ratio of edge beam and slab; 0.8,2.0,3.0 (aspect ratio equal to 1.0 in all cases)

VP-relative thickness of drop panel below slab; 0.50,0.75 (aspect ratio equal to 1.0 in all cases)

DDD service live load (kPa); 1.9, 2.4, 4.8

EE concrete strength (MPa); 20, 30

FF effective modulus of rupture multiplier of f_e; 0.60,0.30

GG construction load -A, load from 2+3 shoring system
-B, load from 2+1 shoring system

This numbering system is reproduced in the List of Symbols for easy reference.

4.4 Material Parameters

Two material properties which affect immediate concrete deflections are examined in this study. They are the modulus of elasticity, E_c, and the modulus of rupture, f_r. The modulus of rupture indirectly affects the calculated deflections though the calculation of the effective moment of inertia (I_e) described in Chapter 3. The study considers the effect of two values of f_r: 1. the recommended code value of $.60\sqrt{f'_c}$, 2. a reduced effective value, f_e, of $.30\sqrt{f'_c}$ recommended by Graham and Scanlon'' to account for the effects of shrinkage in a restrained volume change.

The moduli of elasticity and rupture are usually given as functions of the concrete strength (Eq. 3-5). In this study two values of f'_c are considered; 20 MPa and 30 MPa.

Although it is recognized that creep and shrinkage parameters are highly variable this study is restricted to the standard values recommended by ACI 209 as given by Eq. 3-8 and 3-13.

4.5 Loads

Time dependent deflections of a slab are sensitive to the load history of the slab system. In this study the construction loads as well as service loads are considered.

4.5.1 Construction Loads

Construction loads can significantly affect slab deflections because of the magnitude of the loads and because the loads are applied at an early age.

The slabs designed in this study were considered to have been supported by two levels of shoring and three levels of reshores (2+3) during construction. Assuming construction of one floor per week, the maximum load occurs fourteen days after placing of concrete. Excessive cracking may occur at this time not only because of the load but because of the low strength of the concrete. A summary of the construction loads on flat plates considered in this study is shown in Table 4.3.

The loads shown in Table 4.3 were calculated using a modified version of an analysis developed by Grundy and Kabaila[24]. The analysis was based on the following assumptions:

Table 4.3 Construction Loads on Flat Plates

Slab	Shoring Loads 2 + 3				Shoring Loads 2 + 1			
	W_c	$\frac{W_c}{W_s}$	$\frac{W_c}{W_f}$	$\frac{W_{cf}}{W_f}$	W_c	$\frac{W_c}{W_s}$	$\frac{W_c}{W_f}$	$\frac{W_{cf}}{W_f}$
160:1.0:2.4	7.82	1.08	0.82	1.04	8.96	1.24	0.94	1.19
175:1.0:2.4	8.51	1.12	0.85	1.07	9.72	1.28	0.97	1.23
195:1.0:2.4*	9.42	1.17	0.89	1.13	10.74	1.33	1.02	1.29
160:1.5:2.4	7.82	1.06	0.79	1.01	8.96	1.21	0.91	1.16
175:1.5:2.4	8.51	1.09	0.83	1.05	9.72	1.25	0.95	1.21
195:1.5:2.4	9.42	1.14	0.87	1.10	10.74	1.30	0.99	1.26
160:1.5:4.8	7.82	0.78	0.57	0.72	8.96	0.89	0.65	0.83
175:1.5:4.8	8.51	0.81	0.59	0.75	9.72	0.93	0.68	0.86
195:1.5:4.8	9.42	0.87	0.64	0.81	10.74	0.99	0.73	0.93
160:2.0:2.4	7.82	1.02	0.77	0.97	8.96	1.17	0.88	1.12
175:2.0:2.4	8.51	1.06	0.80	1.02	9.72	1.21	0.92	1.18
195:2.0:2.4	9.42	1.11	0.84	1.06	10.74	1.27	0.96	1.21
160:2.0:4.8	7.82	0.78	0.57	0.72	8.96	0.89	0.65	0.83
175:2.0:4.8	8.51	0.81	0.59	0.75	9.72	0.93	0.68	0.86
195:2.0:4.8	9.42	0.87	0.64	0.81	10.74	0.99	0.73	0.93

Notes:

* The unfactored construction load exceeds factored design load

W_c-unfactored construction load, see Eq. 4-1, kPa

W_s-unfactored design load

W_{cf}-factored construction load, see Eq. 4-2

W_f-factored design load

The slabs are described by,

slab thickness:aspect ratio:design live load

1. shrinkage and creep can be ignored,
2. torsion and shear in the form can be ignored,
3. the slabs are considered to be supported by continuous rigid foundations,
4. slabs behave elastically,
5. form work is ten percent of the slab weight,
6. shoring can be considered as a uniform load,
7. the shores are rigid compared to the slabs,
8. reshoring allows the supporting slab to rebound and carry only its own weight.

Field measurements[25] and more rigorous analysis have been carried out to check these assumptions and although some errors have been brought to light, the research of Agarwal and Gardner[26] has found that the Grundy and Kabaila analysis provides a good estimate of construction shoring loads.

Agarwal and Gardner took field measurements of two buildings under construction and found that Grundy and Kabaila's analysis was within fifteen percent of the measured load using a constant E_c and ten percent using a varying E_c. The values calculated were both below the measured loads.

Recent research[27] suggests a reason for these discrepancies. Lui, Chen and Bowman[27] carried out a parameter study using an elastic analysis to investigate the assumptions used by Grundy and Kabaila, and found that the assumptions that the shores are rigid caused an error of five to ten percent. Lui et al recommended that Grundy and

Kabaila's analysis be used with an additional ten percent to be included for this error to provide a safe estimate for the load.

The loads used in this parameter study are based on recommendations of N. J. Gardner[28] . Gardner proposes that loads be used as follows:

$$w = 1.10 \times 1.10 \times R \times w_{slab} + \frac{2.4}{N} \qquad (4\text{-}1)$$

$$w_{cf} = a_d \times 1.10 \times 1.10 \times R \times w_{slab} + a_1 \times \frac{2.4}{N} \qquad (4\text{-}2)$$

R is the load ratio developed by Grundy and Kabaila's analysis and N is the number of floors shored and 2.4 represents the construction live load in kPa. The two 1.10 factors are for the additional weight due to form work and the error induced by the stiffness of the shores. The complete calculations of the construction loads are found in Appendix D.

Table 4.3 shows the shoring loads expressed as loads, and fractions of both the design service load and design factored loads. In most cases, the design service loads were exceeded and in a number of cases of slabs designed for offices, marked by *, the factored loads were exceeded. Although these results raise questions concerning safety of slabs under construction loads, a detailed evaluation of safety was considered outside the scope of this thesis. All the slabs were considered in the evaluation of serviceability with respect to time-dependent deflections.

4.5.2 Service Loads

Service loads are the dead and live loads imposed on the slab during the life of the structure. The dead loads are well defined and in this study they include 1.0 kPa[29] for partitions, .5 kPa for mechanical services, and the weight of the slab.

Live loads are not as well defined. Although surveys of loading on structures with different occupancies have been carried out over the last ninety years it has only been recently that advances have been made in developing probabilistic models for live loads. Corotis and Doshi[30] compiled results from a number of surveys and found that a Gamma distribution provided the best fit for the total live loads. The observed and Gamma distribution values are shown in Table 4.4. Corotis has used this work to develop probabilistic models for design live loads[31] and live load duration[32] . In these two papers the live load was separated into sustained and extraordinary loads.

Sustained loads are defined as the loads due to the furniture, internal partitions and normal number of people in the area. Generally the load remains constant during an occupancy but there is, on the average, a change of tenant every seven years and the loads will change at that time.

The extraordinary loads are due to such activities as parties, moving, temporary storage or remodelling. The sustained loads will have a greater effect on the slab than the extraordinary loads, due to the additional deflection

Table 4.4 Observed and Predicted Live Loads

Type of Load	Loads used Parameter Study	Load from Observed Dist. at 99%[5]	Load from Gamma Dist.[5] at 99%	Maximum[1] Lifetime Load from Probabilistic Model	Percentile[4]
Total Load					
Apartment	1.9	1.02	1.09	1.72	99.9 %
Office	2.4	1.94	1.95	2.63	99.9 %
Retail	4.8	2.72	3.23	2.73	99.9 %
Sustained Load					
Apartment	.76	-[2]	.65[3]	.75	99.2 %
Office	.96	-	1.38	1.18	98.2 %
Retail	1.92	-	2.08	2.02	98.8 %

Notes:

1. The maximum lifetime loads are from Chalk and Corotis's paper on design live loads
2. There were no recorded observations found for sustained live loads.
3. The values shown in the chart were calculated for recorded means and standard deviations from Corotis and Doshi's paper on probability models for live-loads.
4. The percentile of the parameter study values were calculated by interpolating Wen-Yang Tsay and Corotis's results on probabilistic live-load durations.
5. The loads recorded are those at the 99 percentile of the cumulative distribution.
6. All loads are in kPa.

from creep. The studies by Corotis indicate that sustained loads may be larger than most designers assume. To have a confidence level similar to that for the total load, the sustained load should be forty percent of the total load. This increase in the sustained load has been recognized in the most recent draft of AS 1480-85 and forty percent will be used in this simulation. All the live loads used in this study are listed in Table 4.4 along with their confidence levels. The extraordinary loads will be taken as the difference between the maximum total live loads and sustained load.

The loads listed in Table 4.4 are full live loads. It has been recognized that as loading areas increase the average live load decreases. Ellingwood and Culver[33] completed a study of office live loads for different loading areas and developed two equations to account for the reduction in the loads with increase of loading area. Ellingwood and Culver's equations indicated that the sustained live loads decrease at a slower rate than the total load but to simplify this study only the total live load reduction equation will be used . The Canadian National Building Code (CNBC)[34] live load reduction equations will be used in this study because of their good correlation with field data[34]. Figure 4.2 shows both of Ellingwood and Culver's live load equations and equations used in the study for sustained and total live loads in offices.

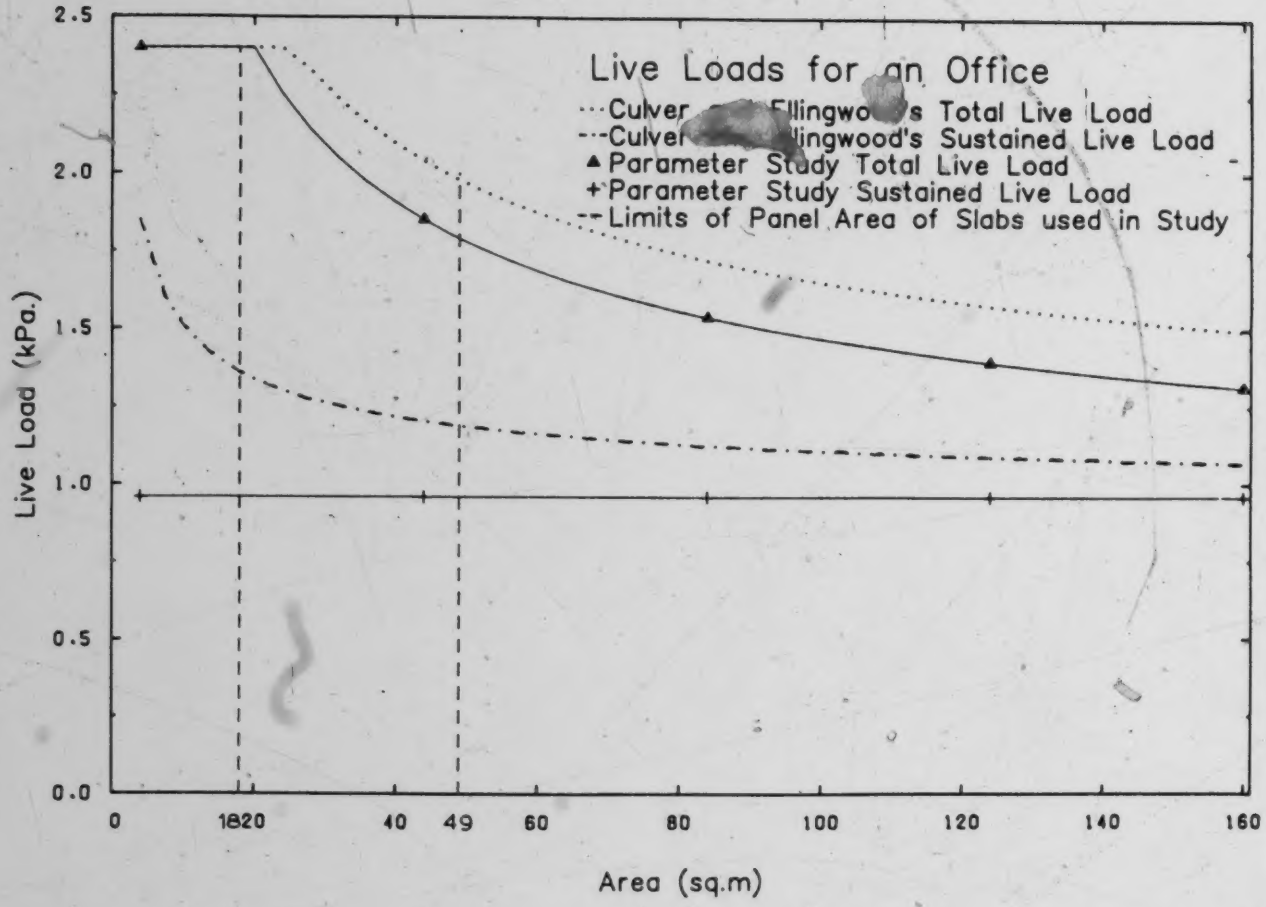


Figure 4.2 Live Loads for Different Size Office Areas

A summary of all the loads in the parameter study are tabulated in Table 4.5 and include live load for Apartment, Office and Retail occupancies.

4.5.3 Load History

The load history used in the study can be broken down into three segments:

1. placing of concrete and shoring of the slab,
2. the loads, during construction of the slab, after the shoring has been removed and,
3. the loads on the slabs once the building is occupied.

The study reviews the effects of two shoring systems which are two levels of shores and three levels of reshores and two levels of shores and one level of reshores.

After the slab's shoring is removed the slab will be considered to have a sustained construction load of 1.0 kPa as well as the partition and mechanical loads until the building is occupied. In this simulation one can assume that the building is occupied one year after the slab has been placed. The two load histories used in the simulation are summarized in Table 4.6.

4.6 Geometric Parameters

The geometric parameters considered in this study were span-slab thickness ratios, stiffness of edge beams, drop panel thickness, and aspect ratio. The range of values for these parameters is shown and listed in Figure 4.3 and

Table 4.5 Parameter Study Loading

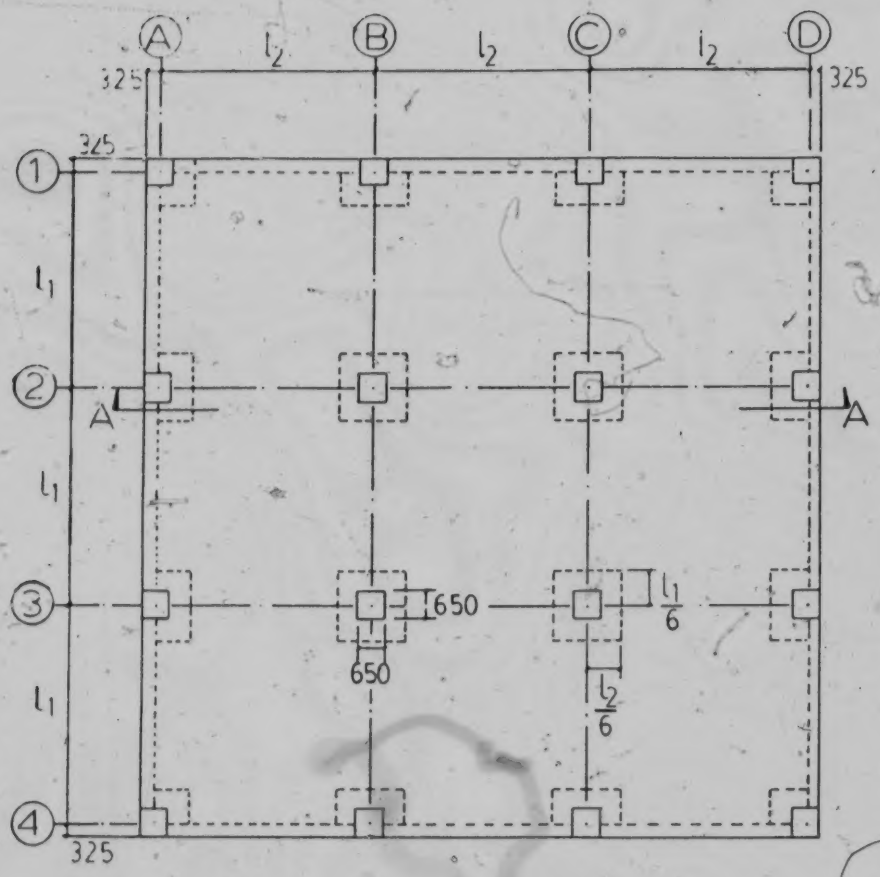
Construction Shoring Loads	Construction Live Loads	Live Loads	Imposed Dead Load
$1.21 \times 1.61 \times W_{slab} + .5$	1.0	1.9	1.5
$1.21 \times 1.79 \times W_{slab} + .8$		2.4	
		4.8	

Notes:
All the loads shown are in kPa.
W_{slab} is the selfweight of the slab.

Table 4.6 Parameter Study Load Histories

Time after Placement of Concrete	Scheme 1	Scheme 2
0	0	0
7	$1.21 \times 0.61 \times W_{slab} + .5$	$1.21 \times 0.69 \times W_{slab} + .8$
14	$1.21 \times 1.61 \times W_{slab} + .5$	$1.21 \times 1.79 \times W_{slab} + .8$
21	$1.21 \times 1.20 \times W_{slab} + .5$	$1.21 \times 1.36 \times W_{slab} + .8$
35	$1.21 \times 1.20 \times W_{slab} + .5$	$1.0 + 1.5 + W_{slab}$
56	$1.0 + 1.5 + W_{slab}$	$1.0 + 1.5 + W_{slab}$
364	$LL + 1.5 + W_{slab}$	$LL + 1.5 + W_{slab}$

Notes:
1. All the loads shown are in kPa.
2. LL is the design live load
3. Time is in Days
4. W_{slab} is the selfweight of the slab.



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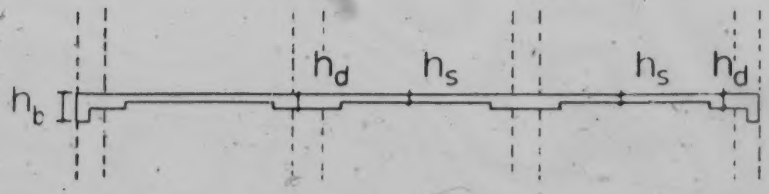

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Figure 4.3 Geometric Layout of Simulated Slabs

Table 4.7. For each slab, three thickness values were considered: $.90h_m$, h_m and $1.10h_m$, where h_m is the minimum slab thickness permitted by CAN3 A23.3.

4.7 Deflection Criteria

Calculated deflections will be compared with present code deflection limits as well as two other criteria. The present code provisions, found in Appendix A, require calculated slab deflections to be less than $\frac{\ell_n}{360}$ for live loads as well as $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ or $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ for incremental deflections where ℓ_n is the clear span between column faces. The definition of ℓ_n as the clear span between column faces is satisfactory for beams, but in the case of slabs, the deflection span ratio through the midpanel of the slab can exceed that of the column strip. In the span thickness equation derived in Appendix C, this exceedence of the column strip deflection span ratio was found to be the case for slabs with aspect ratios (β) of between 1.0 and 1.25. This study will also consider the diagonal clear span as one of the span deflection ratios since this is a possible location for partitions and the span deflection ratio should be taken along the span of the partition[35].

In a survey of damage to masonry partitions, Mayer and Rusch[5] found that cracking of the partitions was not only dependent on the incremental deflections of the slabs but on the stiffness of the partitions themselves as well. They recommended that limiting the slenderness of the slabs was

Table 4.7 Dimensions of Slabs

Slab Type	ℓ_1	ℓ_2	h_b	h_d	h_s
FP:160:1.0:	6000	6000	160	160	160
FP:175:1.0:	6000	6000	175	175	175
FP:195:1.0:	6000	6000	195	195	195
FP:160:1.5:	6000	4500	160	160	160
FP:175:1.5:	6000	4500	175	175	175
FP:195:1.5:	6000	4500	195	195	195
FP:160:2.0:	6000	3000	160	160	160
FP:175:2.0:	6000	3000	175	175	175
FP:195:2.0:	6000	3000	195	195	195
BP:145:0.8:	6000	6000	270	145	145
BP:160:0.8:	6000	6000	300	160	160
BP:175:0.8:	6000	6000	325	175	175
BP:145:2.0:	6000	6000	355	145	145
BP:160:2.0:	6000	6000	390	160	160
BP:175:2.0:	6000	6000	425	175	175
BP:145:3.0:	6000	6000	400	145	145
BP:160:3.0:	6000	6000	440	160	160
BP:175:3.0:	6000	6000	480	175	175
DP:170:1.0:	7000	7000	170	215	170
DP:190:1.0:	7000	7000	190	240	190
DP:210:1.0:	7000	7000	210	265	210
DP:170:1.5:	7000	4650	170	215	170
DP:190:1.5:	7000	4650	190	240	190
DP:210:1.5:	7000	4650	210	265	210
DP:170:2.0:	7000	3500	170	215	170
DP:190:2.0:	7000	3500	190	240	190
DP:210:2.0:	7000	3500	210	265	210
VP:170:.50:	7000	7000	170	255	170
VP:190:.50:	7000	7000	190	285	190
VP:210:.50:	7000	7000	210	315	210
VP:170:.75:	7000	7000	170	300	170
VP:190:.75:	7000	7000	190	335	190
VP:210:.75:	7000	7000	210	370	210

better method of preventing damage to partitions than using an incremental deflection limit. A report produced by the Steelbuilding and Concrete Association[3] in the Netherlands cites Mayer and Rusch's results, shown in Figure 4.4, stating *"It is obvious that one can hardly formulate a clear deformation requirement..."* because of the scatter of the results. The authors of the report felt that cracking of partitions could be better handled by better construction practices. This point was further reinforced by a Swedish report that found that plaster board partitions, which would require a CAN3 calculated incremental deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$, cracked at $\frac{\ell}{1000}$, where ℓ is the centre to centre span.

The use of total deflections is to prevent damage to ceiling and floor finishes and to prevent visual discomfort to the building's occupants. The visual discomfort can be taken care of by using self leveling grouts and adjustable ceiling finishes. Where this is not possible it has been recommended that $\frac{\ell}{250}$ (British) to $\frac{\ell}{300}$ (Mayer and Rusch) be used. In this study $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$, recommended by ACI Committee 435 (subcommittee 1) for outdoor decks[4] will be used.

4.8 Summary

This chapter has discussed the parameters to be investigated in the thesis and the deflection limits used in their evaluation. The categories of variables to be investigated are material properties , loads and geometric properties. The following four deflection limits will be

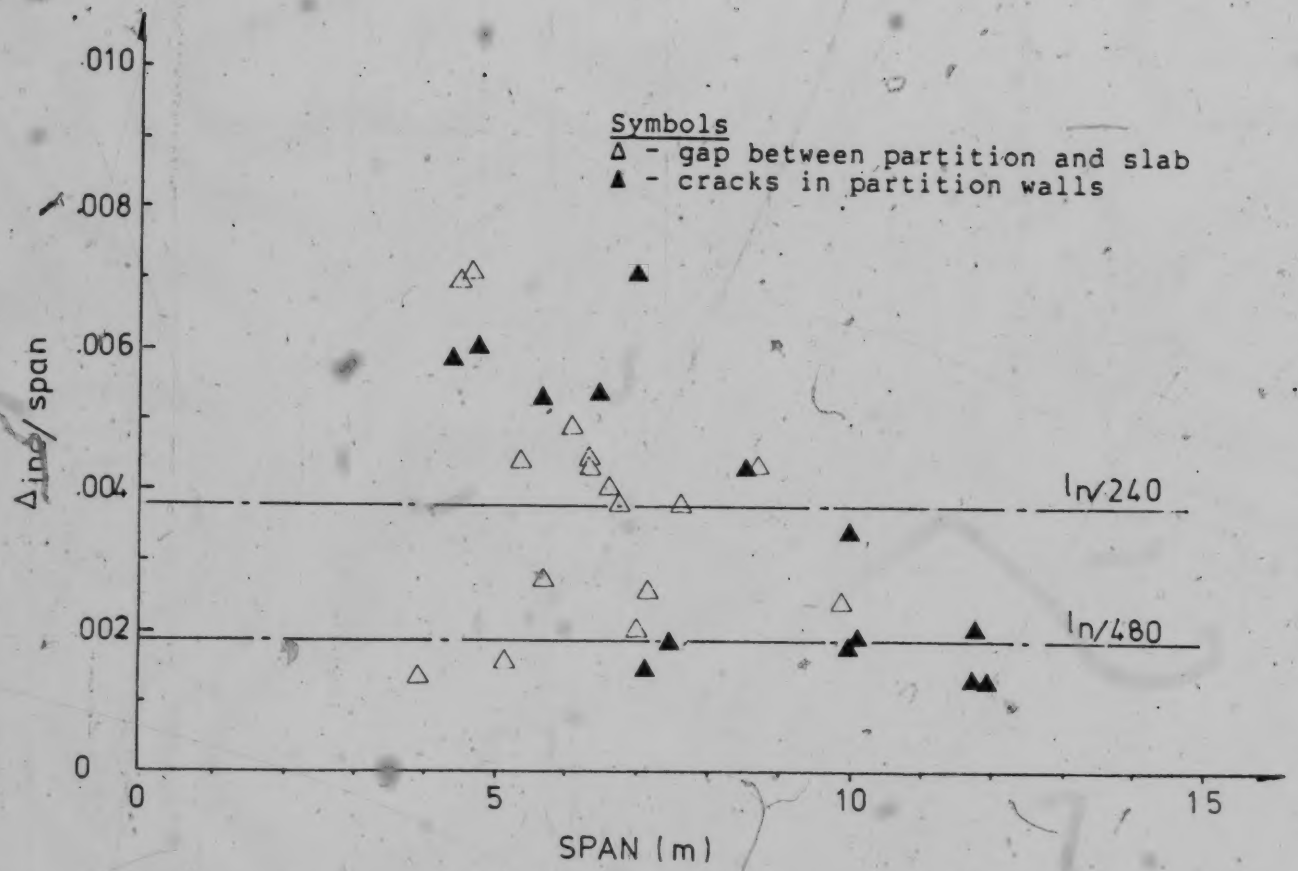


Figure 4.4 Damage to Partitions Due to Incremental Deflections

used in the evaluation the calculated deflections:

1. live load deflection, $\frac{\ell_n}{360}$,
2. incremental deflections of slabs with partitions not likely to be damaged by large deflections, $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$,
3. incremental deflections of slabs with partitions likely to be damaged by large deflections, $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$,
4. total deflection, $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$

where ℓ_n is the clear span along the column or diagonal lines of the panel.

5. Presentation and Evaluation of Study Results

5.1 Introduction

The results of 344 slab deflection simulations are presented in this chapter. The results are presented in the same order as described in the previous chapter; material properties, method of construction, live loading and geometric parameters and are evaluat[illegible]ing four deflection limits. A complete summary of the [illegible]lts are found in Appendix E.

5.2 Presentation of Results

The results will be presented in graphical form and follow the same general format as Figure 5.1. This figure has three axes, the vertical axis being that of the minimum clear span-deflection ratio $(\frac{\ell_n}{\Delta})_{min}$ and the two horizontal axes being the aspect ratio (β) and a ratio of the slab thickness compared to the code minimum thickness $(\frac{h}{h_m})$. The legend in this figure refers to the slabs being evaluated. Complete information of the slab deflections presented in these graphs are found in Table E.1, Appendix E.

In all the comparisons the minimum clear span-deflection ratio $(\frac{\ell_n}{\Delta})_{min}$ is defined as the smallest (largest $\frac{\Delta}{\ell_n}$) of:

a) the north-south clear span and the deflection at midspan of the north-south column strip,

b) the east-west clear span and the deflection at midspan of

the east-west column strip, or

c) the diagonal clear span and the deflection at midpanel, in any of the panels of the slab analysed.

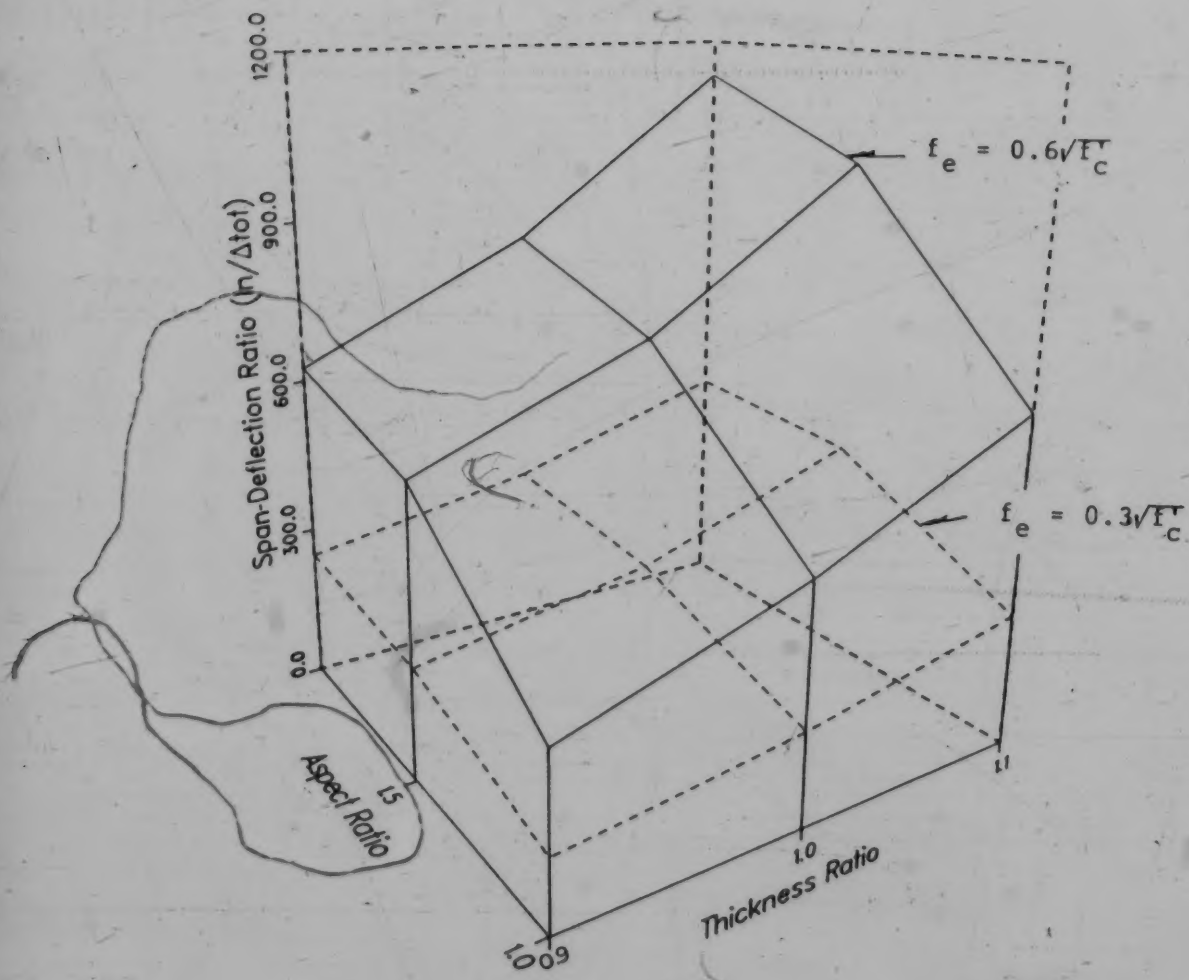
5.2.1 Material Properties

5.2.1.1 Effective Modulus of Rupture

Figure 5.1 demonstrates the sensitivity of calculated slab deflections using different effective moduli of rupture. Deflections calculated using the code-recommended value of $f_e=.60\sqrt{f'_c}$ were 60 percent less than those calculated using $f_e=.30\sqrt{f'_c}$. Minimum span-deflection ratios for $f_e=.60\sqrt{f'_c}$ were therefore higher, as shown in Figure 5.1. Deflections for the code recommended value of f_e were found to be unreasonably small when compared with field measurements, confirming findings of other research[12].

5.2.1.2 Concrete Strengths

The effect of using 30 MPa concrete versus 20 MPa is demonstrated in Figure 5.2. For the flat plates studied, the calculated deflections are 35 percent less for the slab using 30 MPa concrete than for the one using 20 MPa. This improvement is due to an increase in the modulus of elasticity and modulus of rupture, as both of these values are functions of $\sqrt{f'_c}$.



Slab Deflections Presented
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Figure 5.1 Effect of Different f_e on Calculated Total Deflections

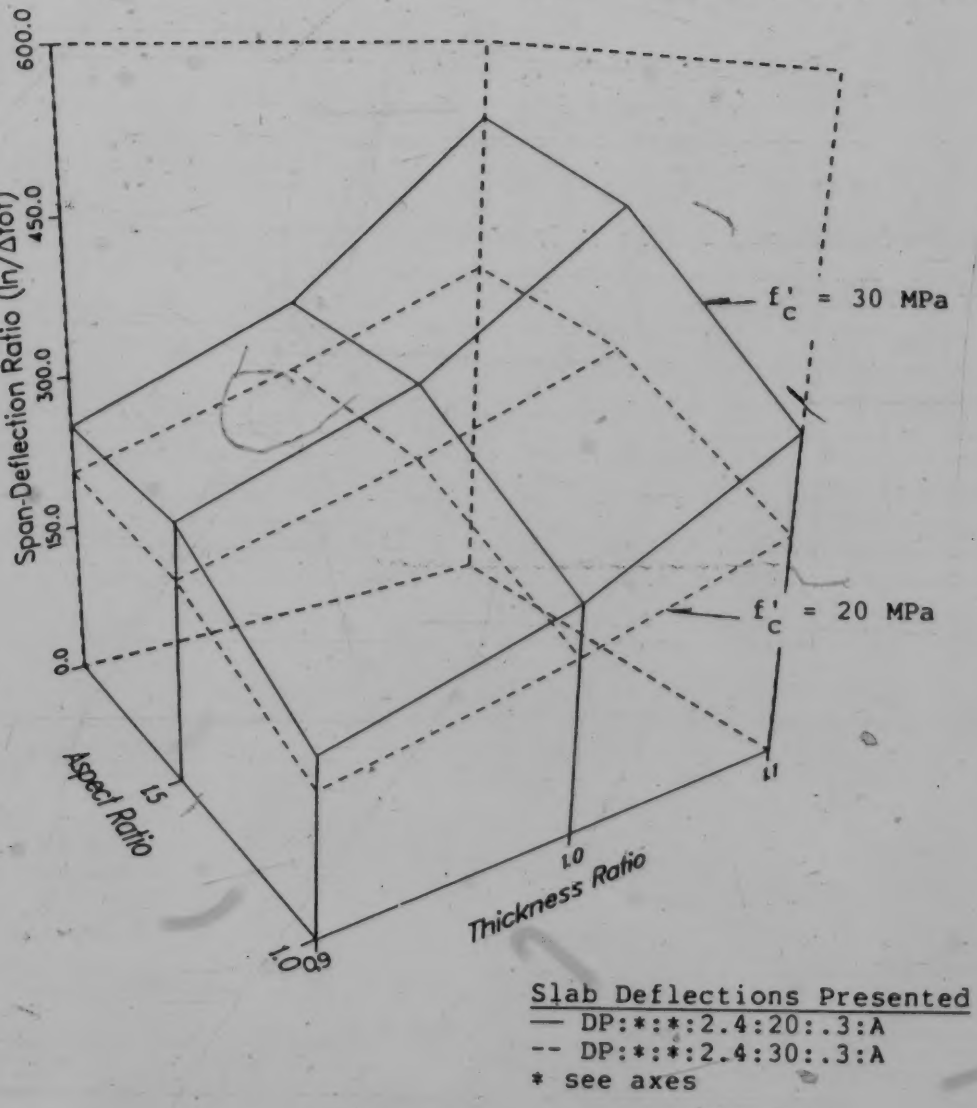


Figure 5.2 Effect of Different f'_c on Calculated Total Deflections

5.2.2 Loads

5.2.2.1 Construction Loads

Figures 5.3 to 5.6 illustrate the effects of different construction methodologies. Figure 5.3 demonstrates the effect of delaying the installation of partitions on a 160 mm flat plate under office loading, and the problem with the use of incremental deflections as a deflection limits. This figure shows five year incremental deflections when partitions are installed at different times. The incremental deflection decreases from 33 mm ($\frac{\ell_n}{235}$) with partitions installed one month after placement of concrete to 15 mm ($\frac{\ell_n}{521}$) for partitions are installed one year later, which satisfies the A23.3 deflection limits. This slab will have the same total deflection, but what was originally an unacceptable incremental deflection (33 mm), is now permissible (15 mm). The parameter study assumes the partitions are installed at the earliest time possible, within one week of removal of the shoring. In the case of the 2+3 shoring construction this occurs at 56 days after placement of concrete.

The method of construction also affects the deflections even if the partitions are installed at the same time after the placing of the concrete. Figure 5.4 shows deflections and load histories of two flat plates using different shoring systems but with both slabs having partitions installed at two months. The slab

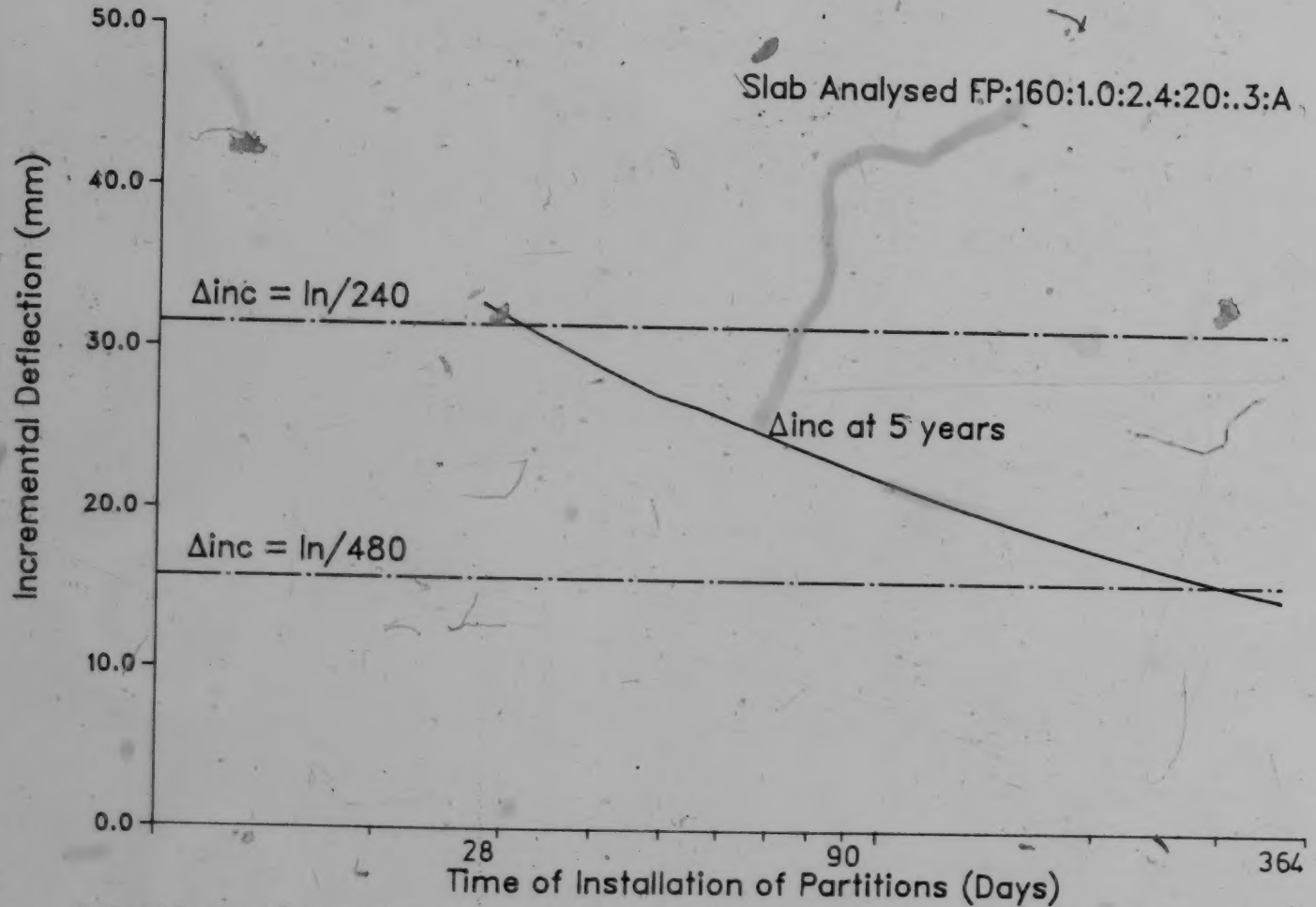


Figure 5.3 Effect of the Time of Installation of Partitions on Calculated Incremental Deflections

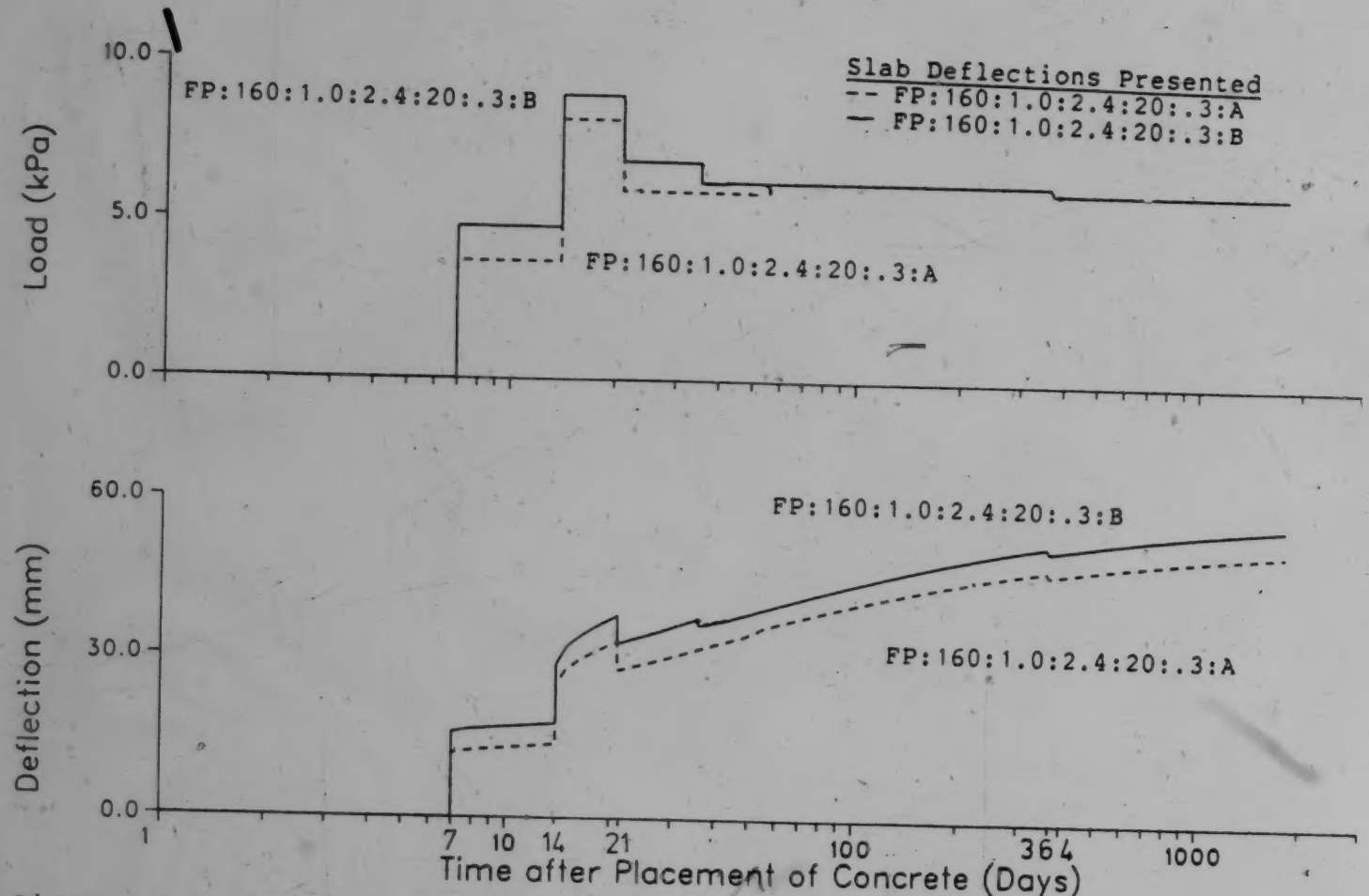
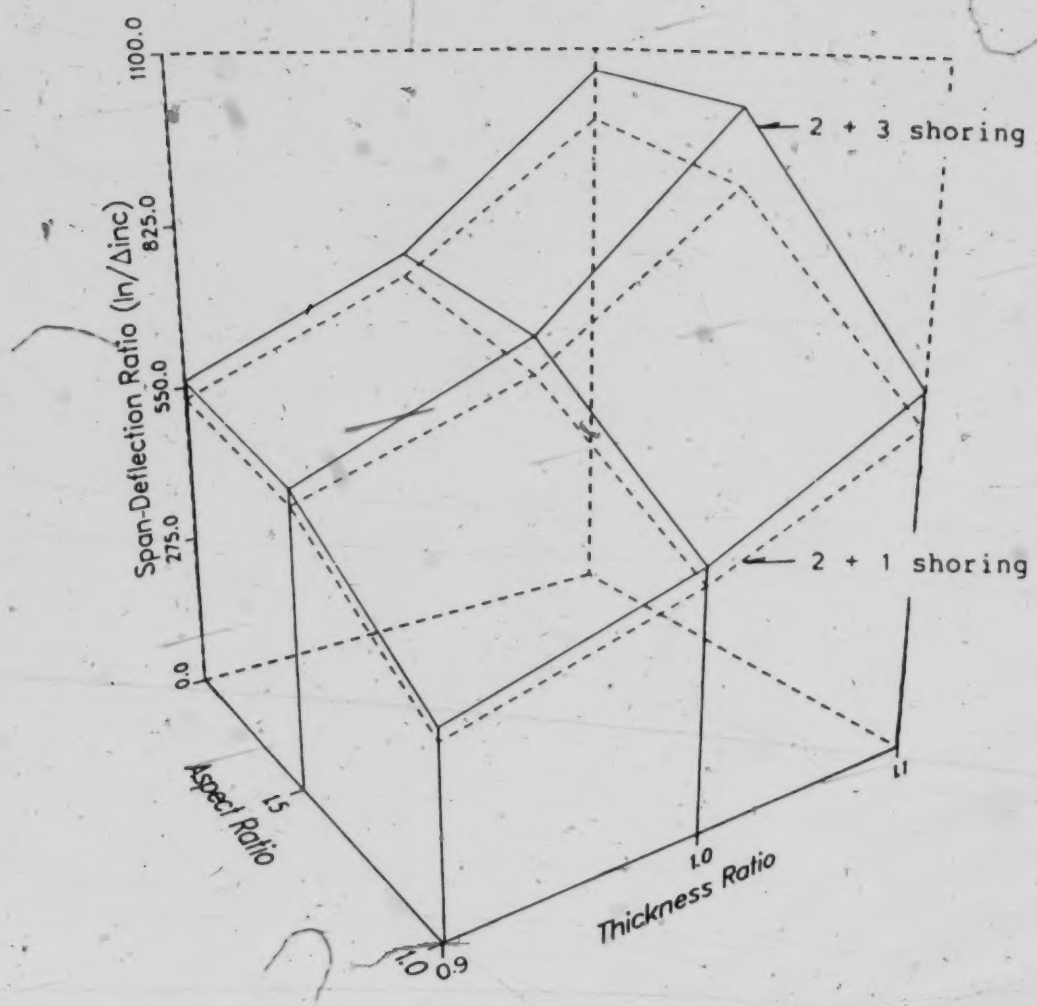


Figure 5.4 Load History and Deflections of FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A&B

constructed using 2 + 1 shoring (B), solid line, has deflections ten percent larger than a similar flat plate using a 2 + 3 shoring system (A). The larger calculated deflections of FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:B can be accounted for by the increased cracking of the slab and additional irreversible creep, due to the larger magnitude and variation in loads at an early age of the flat plate. Figures 5.5 and 5.6 show that when similar slabs are constructed, the use of a 2 + 1 versus a 2 + 3 shoring system increases calculated incremental deflections by an average of nine percent and total deflections by ten percent. Calculated deflections are therefore, not only dependent on scheduling of installation of partitions, but also on the shoring methodology used during construction.

5.2.2.2 Live Loads

Figure 5.7 presents typical calculated live load deflections. In all cases analysed, these deflections were within code deflection limits. Figures 5.8 and 5.9 demonstrate the effect of different live loads (apartment 1.9 kPa, office 2.4 kPa and retail 4.8 kPa) on calculated incremental and total deflections. The calculated total deflections for the three different loads are within three percent of each other, with retail loaded slabs having the smallest deflections. But, retail loaded slabs had the largest calculated incremental deflections, seven percent greater than



Slab Deflections Presented
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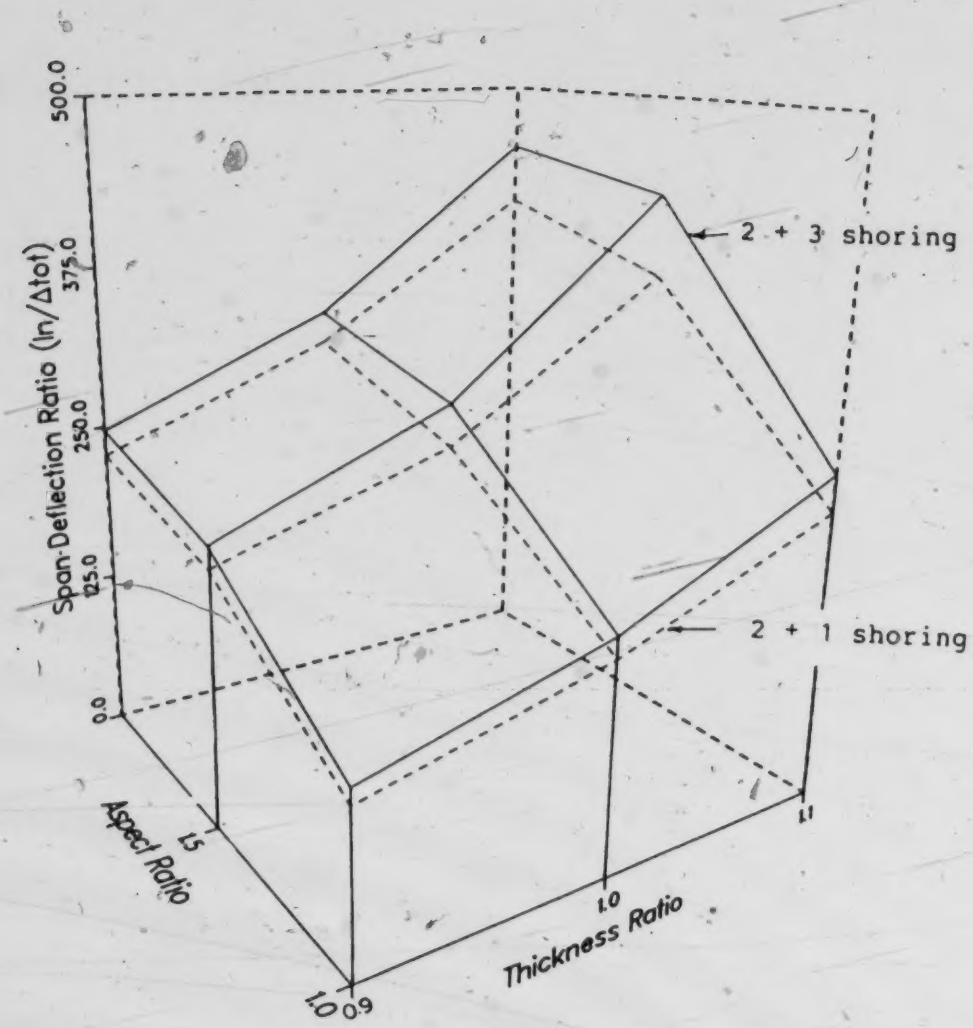
Figure 5.5 Effect of Different Shoring Systems on Calculated Incremental Deflections



Slab Deflections Presented
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Figure 5.6 Effect of Different Shoring Systems on Calculated Total Deflections

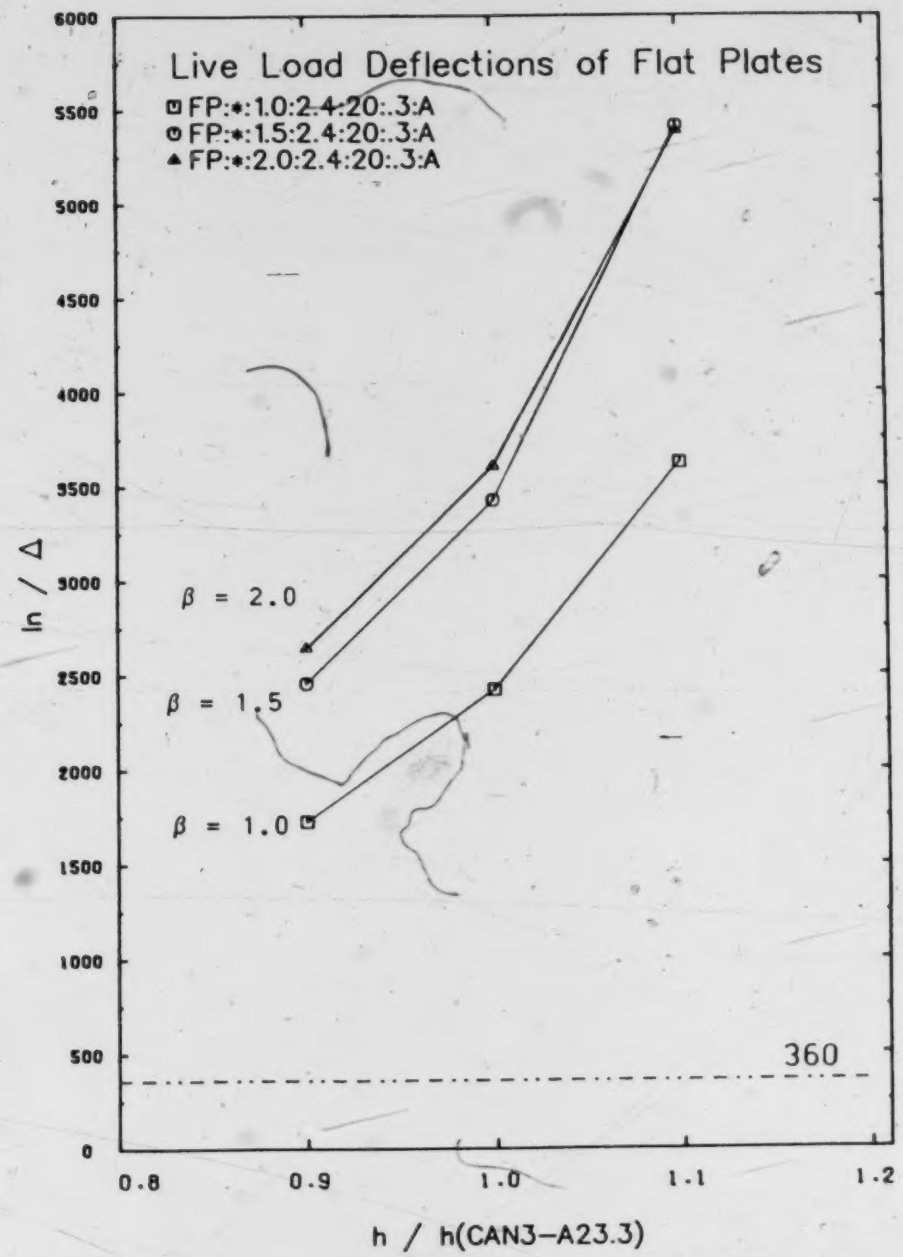


Figure 5.7 Calculated Live Load Deflections of Flat Plates

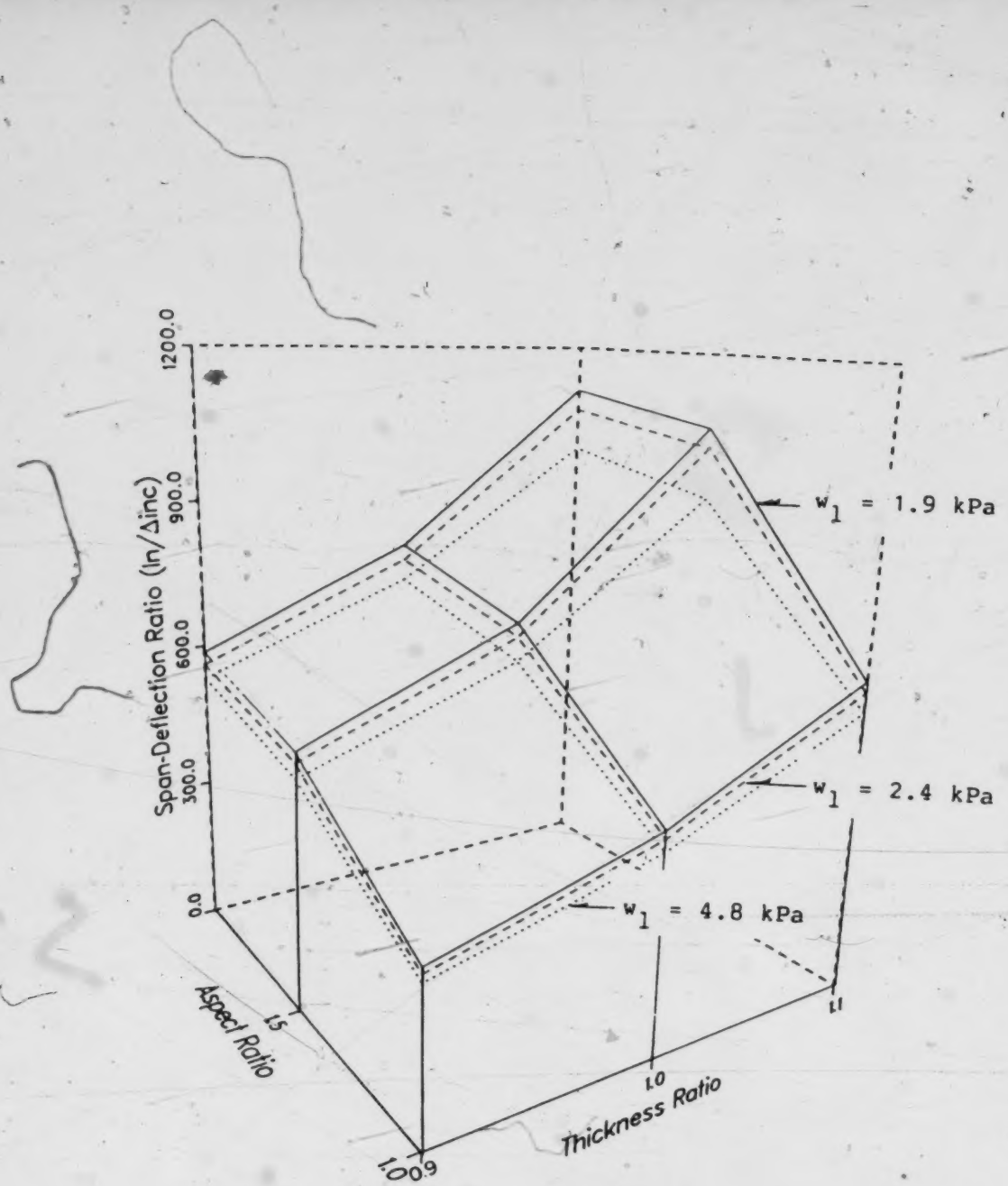
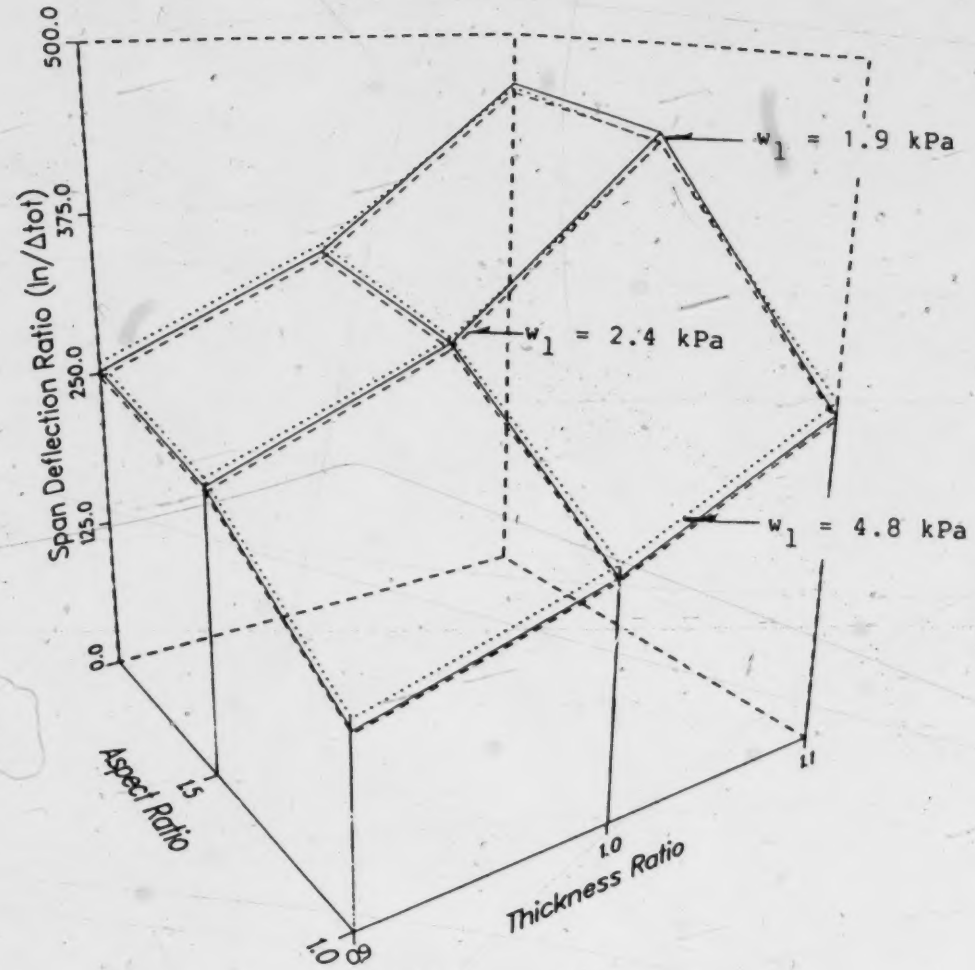


Figure 5.8 Effect of Different Live Loads on Calculated Incremental Deflections



Slab Deflections Presented
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Figure 5.9 Effect of Different Live Loads on Calculated Total Deflections

slabs under office loading and twelve percent greater than slabs under apartment loading. The largest difference in calculated incremental deflections occurred with an aspect ratio (β) of 1.0 because of the use of the live load reduction factor with office and apartment loads.

Effects of different shoring systems and different live loads on incremental deflections for flat plates with β = 1.0 are compared in Figure 5.10. Changing from office to retail loading on slabs constructed using a 2 + 3 shoring system increases incremental deflections by six percent. Constructing an office loaded slab using 2 + 1 shoring instead of 2 + 3 shoring increased the deflection by eight percent. This greater effect of construction loads on incremental deflections is further emphasised when one considers that the retail loaded slab should fail by punching shear according to design calculations.

5.2.3 Geometric Properties

The location of the minimum span-deflection ratio is given in Table 5.1. For slabs with β = 1.0 the minimum span-deflection ratio occurs at midpanel, not along the column strip. For aspect ratios of 1.5 and 2.0, the minimum ratios were found along the column strips. The parameter study indicated that, for slabs using an effective modulus of rupture of $.30\sqrt{f'_c}$, the maximum deflection would occur in

Table 5.1 Location of Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios

Slab Parameters		Flat Slab with Drop Panels		Flat Plate		Flat Plate with Edge Beams	
β	$\frac{h}{h_m}$	f_e	f_r	f_e	f_r	f_e	f_r
1.0	0.9	C	C	C	A,C*	D	B
1.0	1.0	D	C	D	C	D	D
1.0	1.1	D	C	D	C	D	D
1.5	0.9	A	A	A	A	-	-
1.5	1.0	A	B	B	A	-	-
1.5	1.1	B	B	B	A	-	-
2.0	0.9	A	A	A	A	-	-
2.0	1.0	A	B	B	A	-	-
2.0	1.1	B	B	B	A	-	-

Notes:

A-exterior panel, column strip deflection

B-interior panel, column strip deflection

C-exterior panel, midpanel deflection

D-interior panel, midpanel deflection

* result from analysis using 2+1 shoring system

$f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$

$f_r = .60\sqrt{f'_c}$

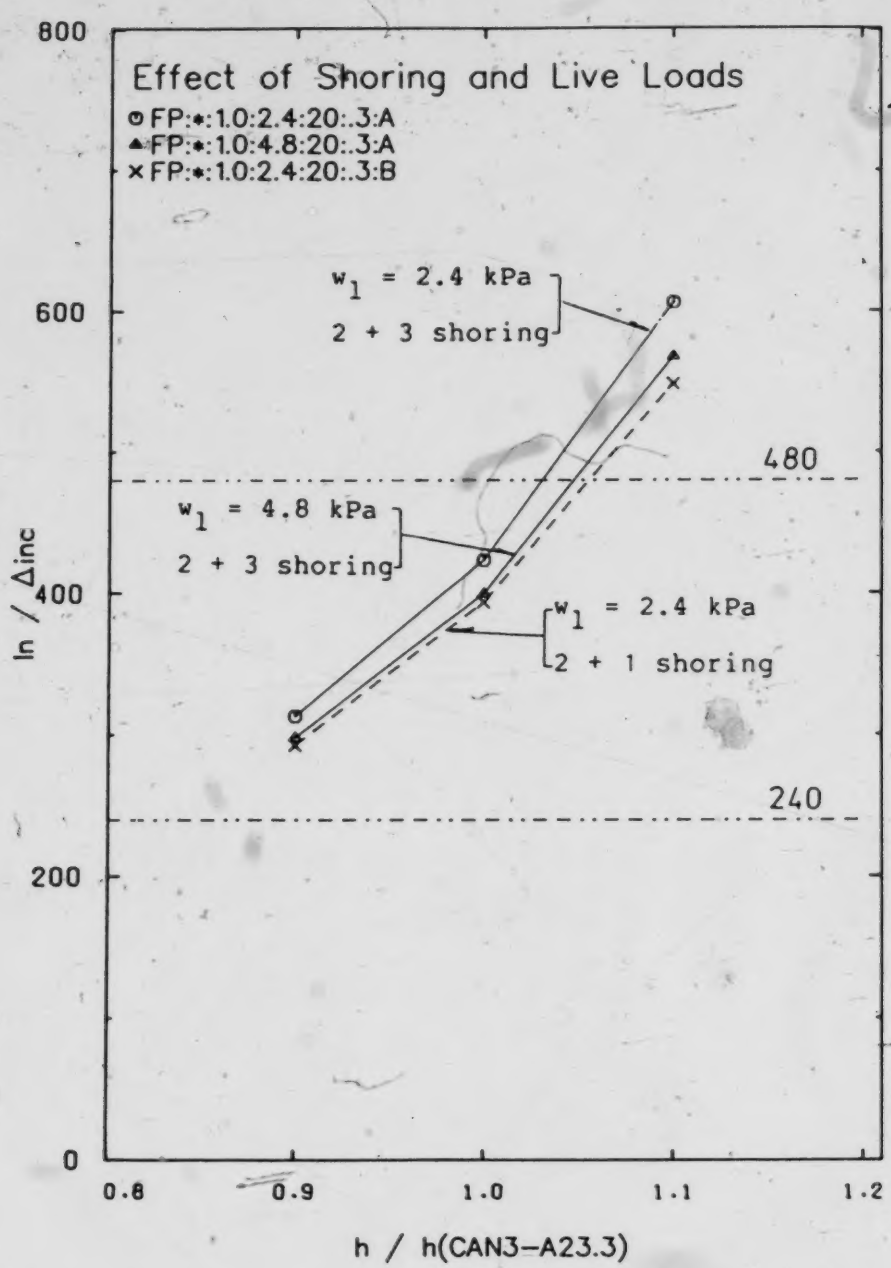

Figure 5.10 Comparison of the Effect of Different Live Loads or Shoring Systems on Calculated Incremental Deflections

the exterior panel when the slab thickness was less than the code minimum, and was located in the interior panels with slabs meeting code requirements.

Figures 5.11 to 5.22 present the performance of the different types of slabs constructed using 2 + 3 shoring, 20 MPa concrete, under office loads with $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$.

5.2.3.1 Flat Plates

Figures 5.11 and 5.12 show the performance of flat plates simulated in the study when considering calculated incremental deflections, from two months to five years, and total deflections at five years. The shaded areas highlight the regions where the calculated deflections exceed the deflection limits indicated. Calculated incremental deflections shown in Figure 5.11 exceed the deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ when the panel aspect ratio (β) is equal to 1.0 and the slab thickness is less than 1.03 times the code minimum thickness (h_m). This is also the case when the thickness is $.90h_m$ and β less than 1.5. Simulations indicated that h_m would satisfy the deflection limits for β greater than 1.1. In all cases $.90h_m$ would meet the deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$.

Figure 5.12 shows calculated total deflections of the flat plates only satisfy the deflection limit $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ when the thickness is $1.10h_m$ if $\beta = 1.0$ and if, $\beta = 2.0$ when the thickness was $.90h_m$. Flat plates will meet the deflection limit for h_m if β is greater than 1.3.

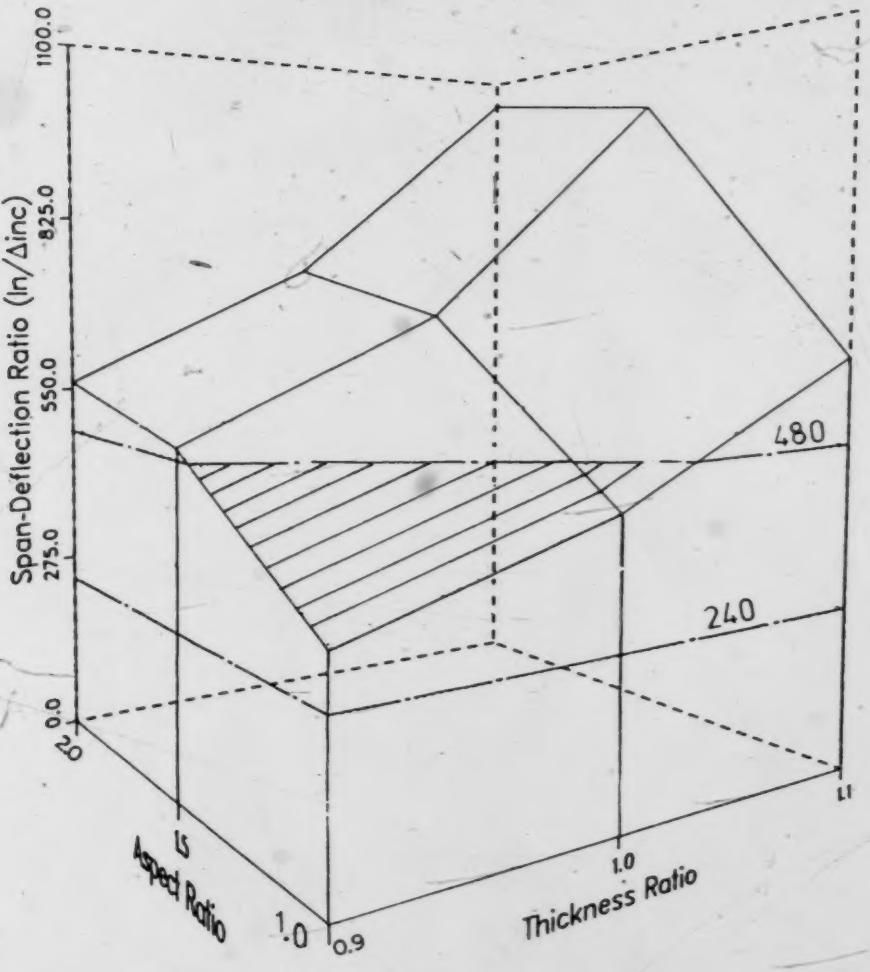

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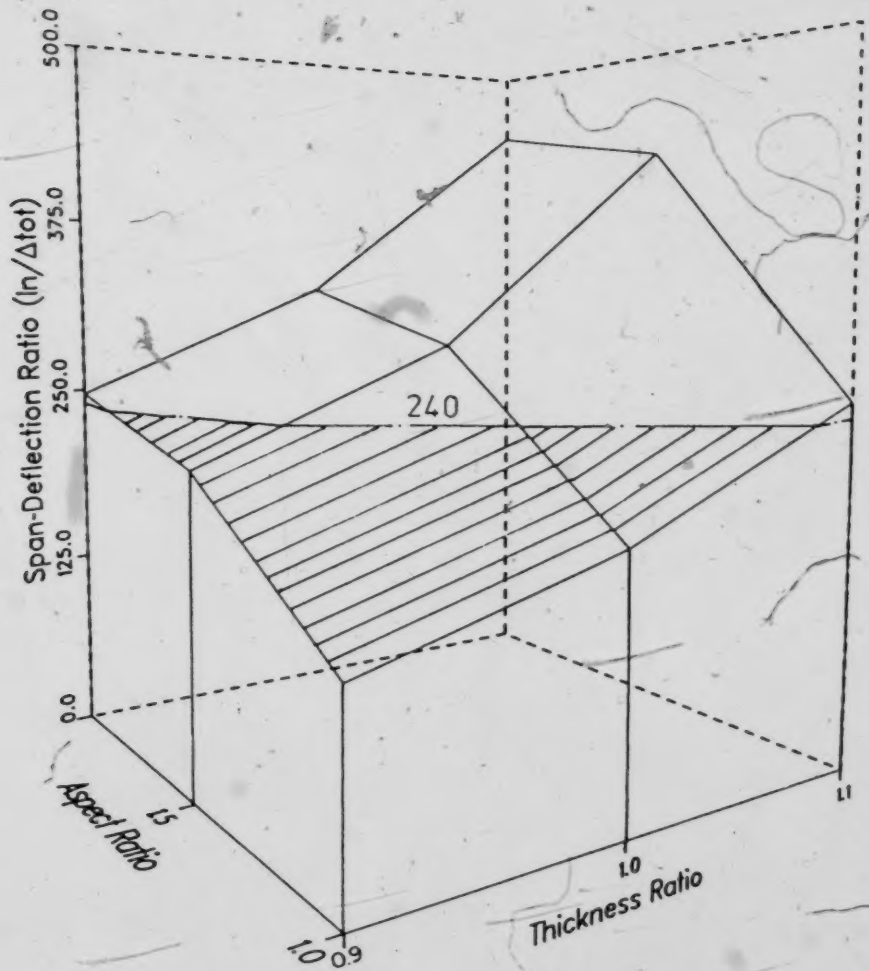
Figure 5.11 Minimum Span-Calculated Incremental Deflection Ratios of Flat Plates Analysed



Slab Deflections Presented
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Figure 5.12 Minimum Span-Calculated Total Deflection Ratios of Flat Plates Analysed

5.2.3.2 Flat Plates with Edge Beams

Figures 5.13 to 5.15 present calculated deflections of flat plates, β = 1.0, with edge beams. Calculated incremental deflections for slabs with edge beams with a beam slab stiffness ratio (α) greater than 0.8 exceeded the deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ but not $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$. Calculated total deflections (Figure 5.14) also exceed the deflection limit when α is greater than 0.8. Figure 5.15 shows the effect of edge beams on calculated incremental deflections for slabs with various thickness. The minimum span-deflection ratio increased with stiffer beams. The greatest improvement, an increase of eleven percent, occurred when α increased from 0.0 to 0.8. The difference between calculated minimum ratios when α=2.0 and α=3.0 was less than point two percent and decreased slightly when the slab thickness was 145 or 160 mm. Although the inclusion of edge beams improve the serviceability of flat plates the improvement is less than predicted by the code.

Reasons for the minimal changes in minimum calculated span-deflection ratios with stiffer edge beams are explained in Figures 5.16 and 5.17. The figures show calculated deflections of slabs FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A and BP:160:0.8:2.4:20:.3:A under construction loads. The inclusion of edge beams (Figure 5.17) decreases the calculated deflections of the exterior panel, but increases the deflections of the

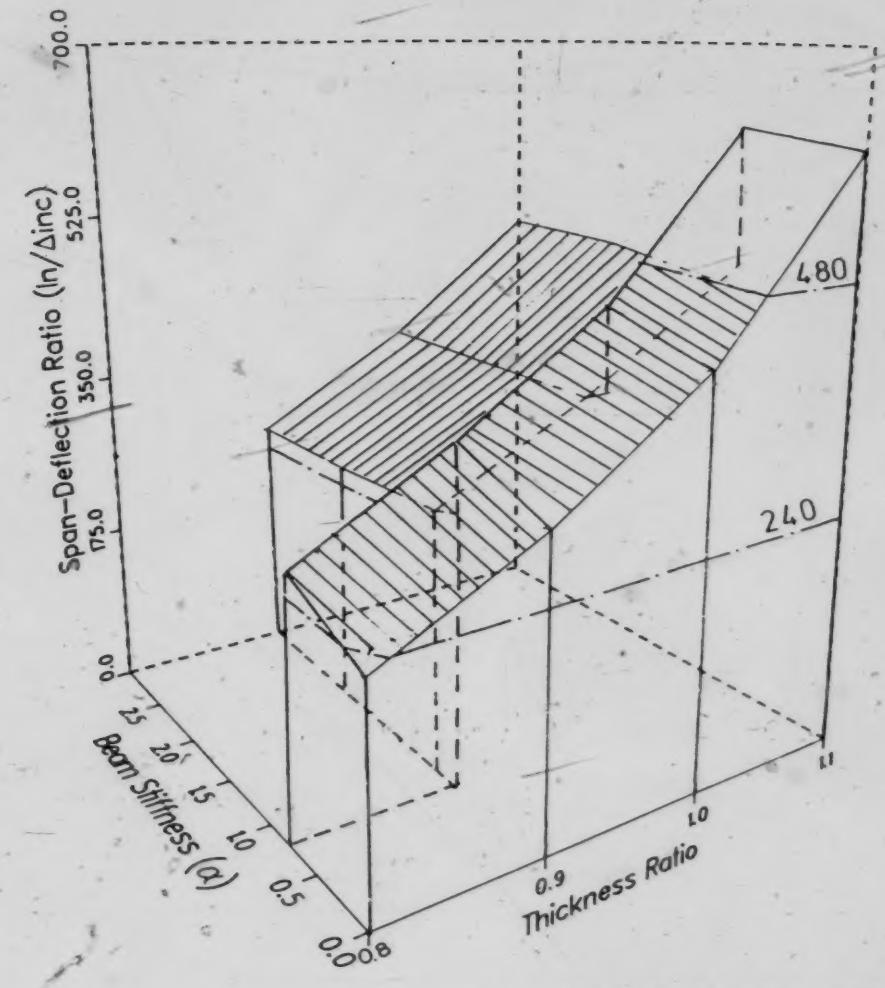
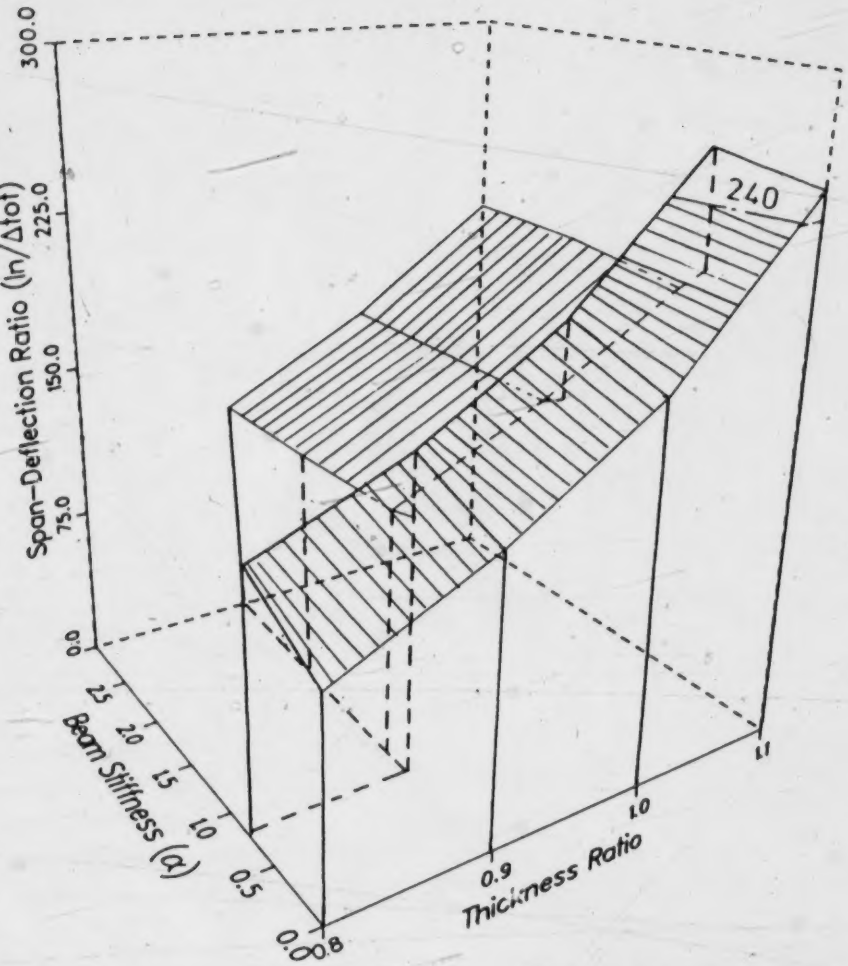


Figure 5.13 Minimum Span-Calculated Incremental Deflection Ratios of Flat Plates with Edge Beams Analysed:slab thickness ratio



Slab Deflections Presented
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Figure 5.14 Minimum Span-Calculated Total Deflection Ratios of Flat Plats with Edge Beams Analysed

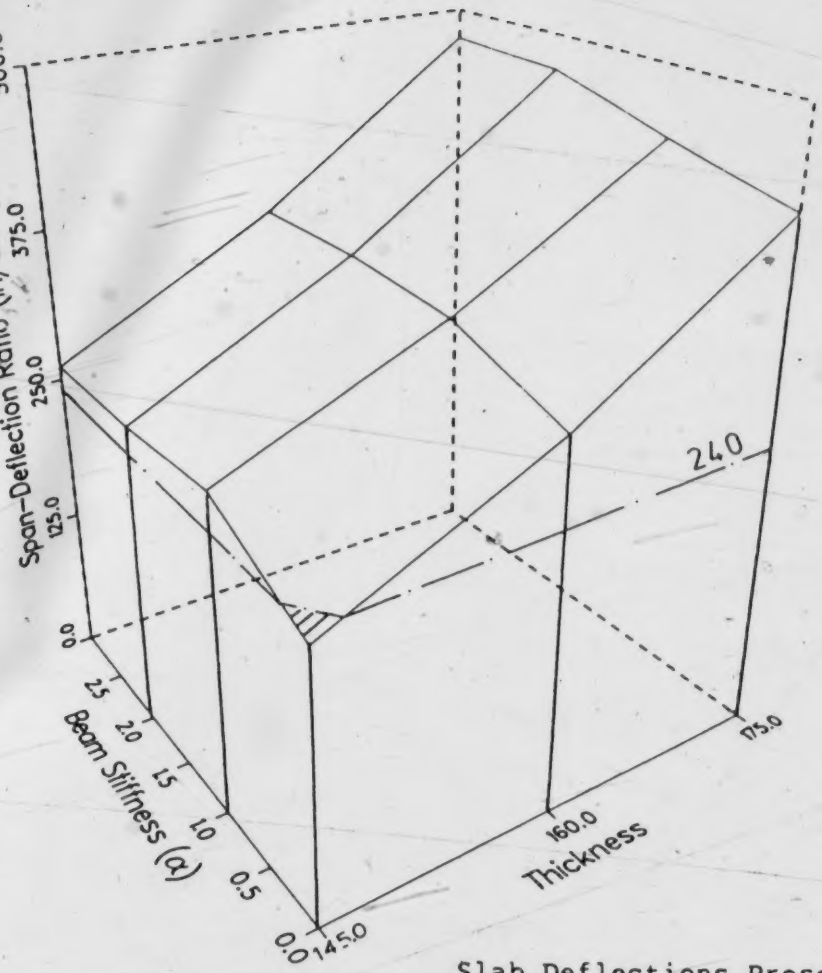
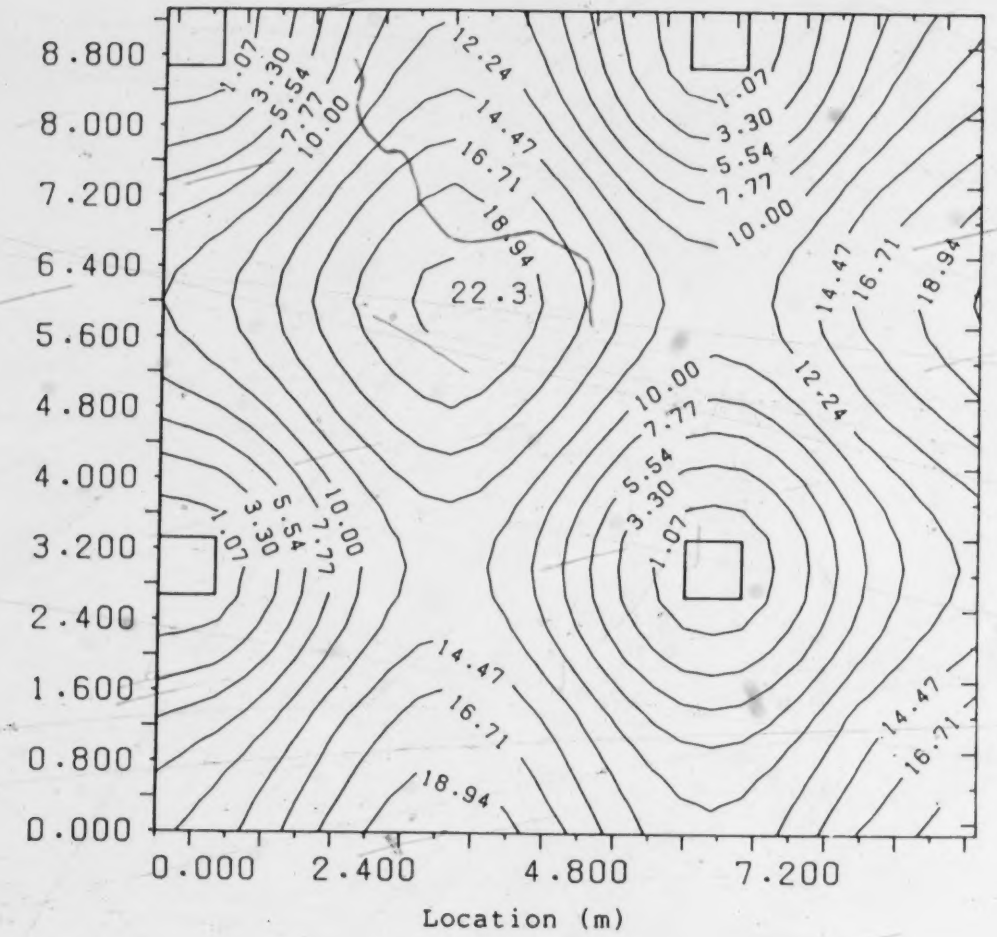
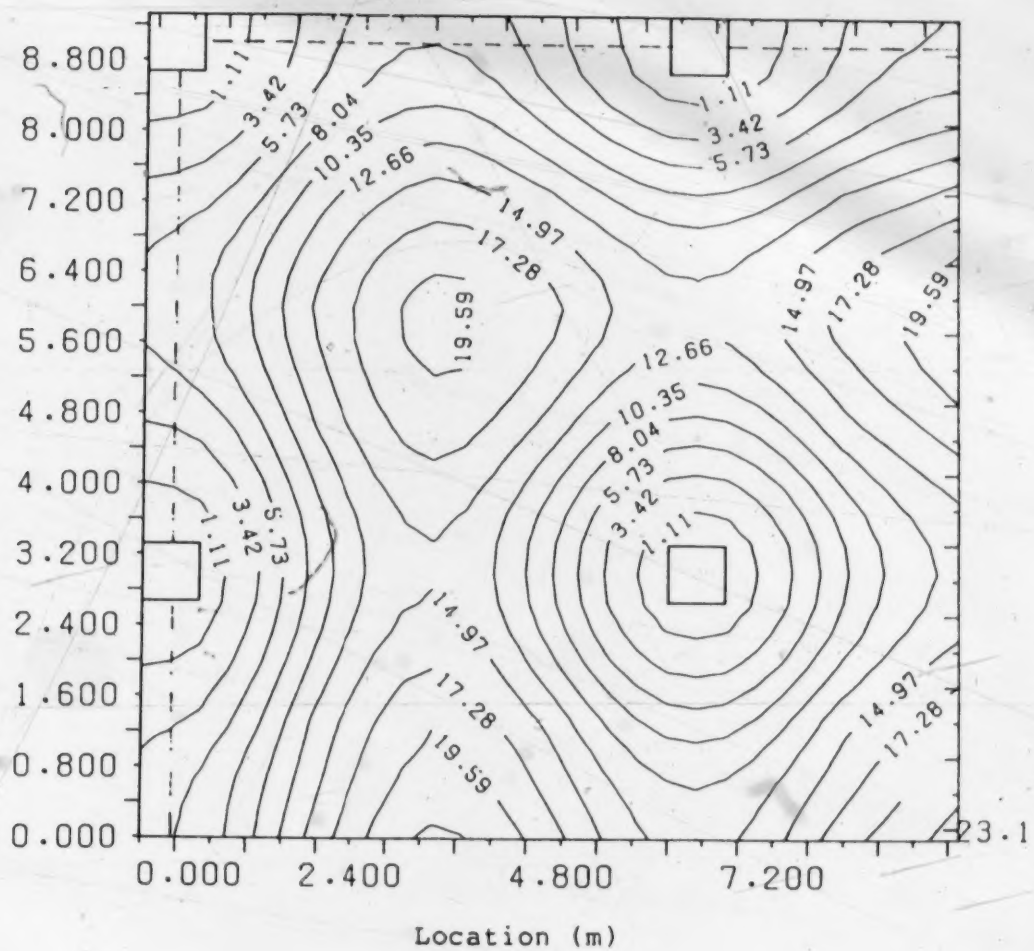


Figure 5.15 Minimum Span-Calculated Incremental Deflection Ratios of Flat Plates with Edge Beams Analysed:absolute slab thickness



Deflection Contours (mm)

Figure 5.16 Calculated Deflections of FP:145:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A under Construction Loads



Deflection Contours (mm)

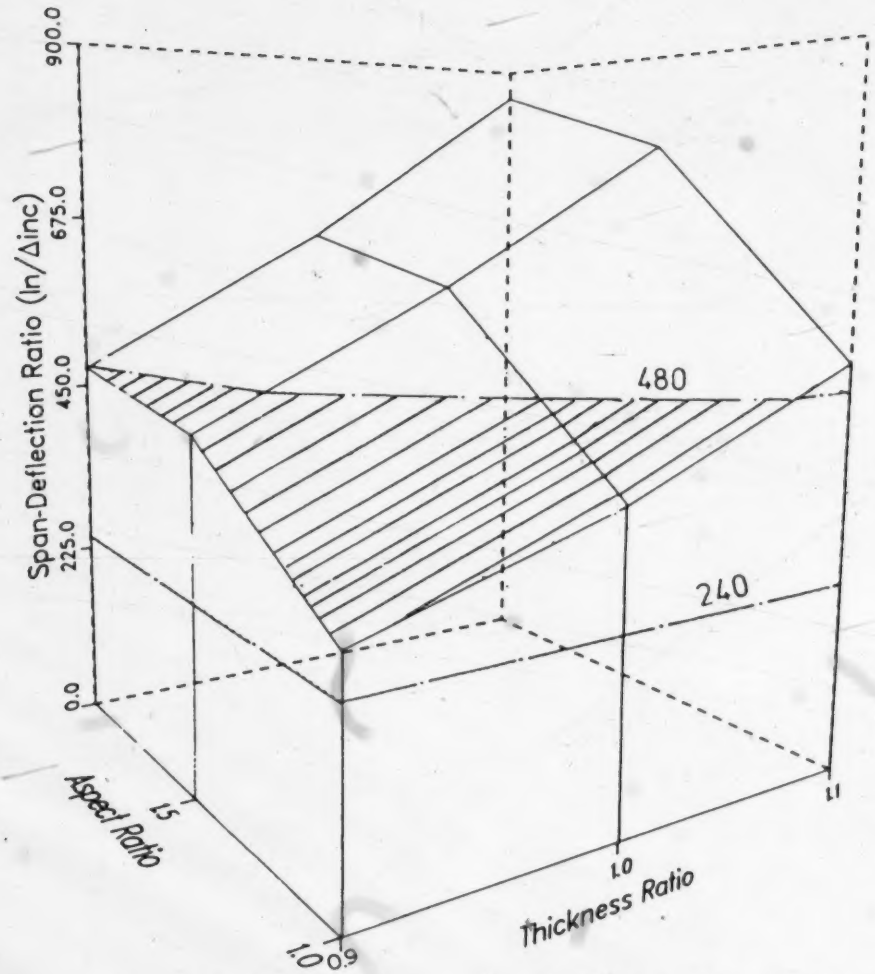
Figure 5.17 Calculated Deflections of BP:145:0.8:2.4:20:.3:A under Construction Loads

interior panel. Therefore the inclusion of edge beams will decrease the calculated deflections of exterior panels but increase the deflections of interior panels. Since the interior and exterior deflections were of similar magnitude with no edge beams, the overall improvement in performance is not significant and in some cases poorer.

5.2.3.3 Flat Slabs with Drop Panels

CAN3 A23.3 permits the slab thickness to be reduced by ten percent if drop panels are included in the slab configuration. Figure 5.18 illustrates the predicted performance of this type of slab. The results indicate that when h_m (including reduction for drop panels) is used, the slab would satisfy the incremental deflection limit $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ when β is greater than 1.3. The figure also indicates that when β= 1.0 the slab must be eight percent thicker than code minimum to satisfy the deflection limit. When β= 2.0, $.90h_m$ would be satisfactory.

The performance of this type of slab when considering calculated total deflections is shown in Figure 5.19. The figure indicates three major points. They are; a) the slab must be thicker than $1.10h_m$ to satisfy the deflection limit when β = 1.0, b) $.95h_m$ would be satisfactory when β = 2.0, and c) the minimum code thickness will meet the deflection limit when β is greater than 1.5.



Slab Deflections Presented
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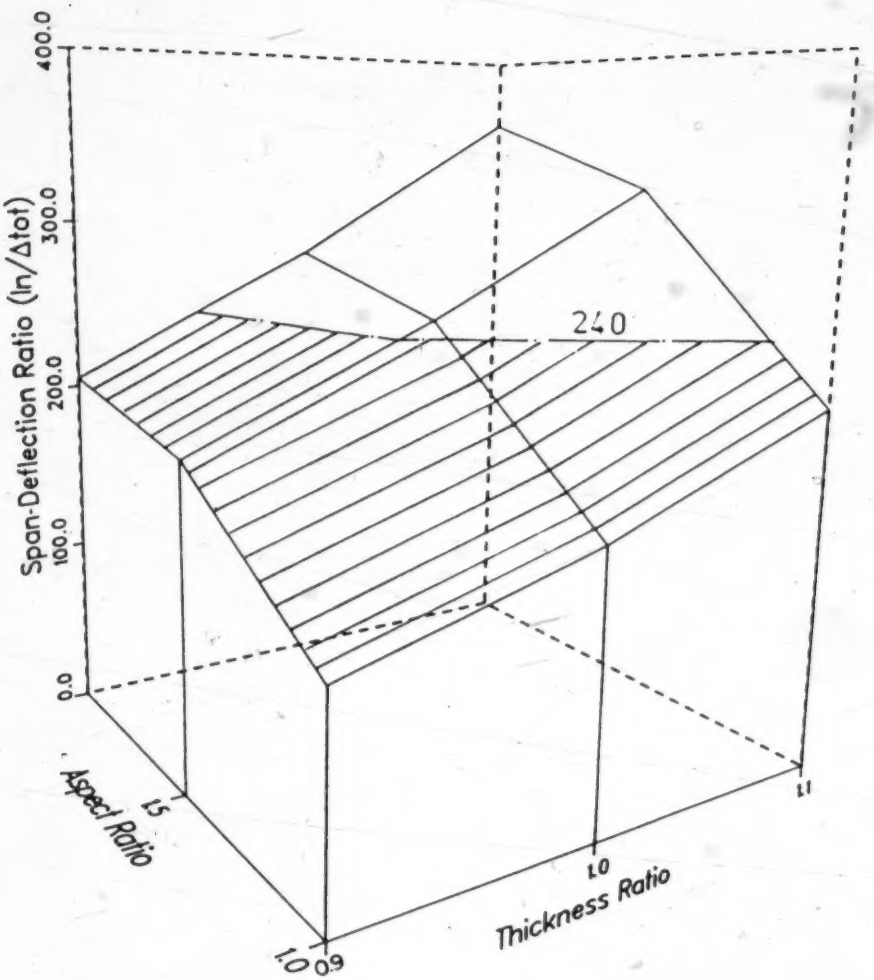
Figure 5.18 Minimum Span-Calculated Incremental Deflection Ratios of Flat Slabs with Drop Panels Analysed



Slab Deflections Presented
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Figure 5.19 Minimum Span-Calculated Total Deflection Ratios of Flat Slabs with Drop Panels Analysed

The study also investigated ways of decreasing the calculated deflections of slabs with drop panels. The investigation considered the effect of increasing the relative thickness of the drop panels. Figure 5.20 shows the effect on incremental deflections when β = 1.0. If the drop panel thickness was increased to 1.5h from 1.25h the calculated incremental deflections would satisfy $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$, and in the case of total deflections the drop panels would have to be 1.65h (Figure 5.21) to provide acceptable results.

5.3 Discussion

Results of the parameter study have identified two variables which have a significant effect on the slab's performance but are not considered in CAN3 A23.3 minimum thickness provisions for slabs without beams. CAN3 A23.3 does not account for either the concrete strength or the aspect ratio of the panel. Equations 5-1 and 5-2 could be used as modification factors with the present CAN3 A23.3 minimum thickness equations to provide more consistent deflection results.

$$h_{f'_c} = \left(\frac{20}{f'_c}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} h_{20} \qquad (5\text{-}1)$$

$$h_{\beta} = \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} h_{1.0} \qquad (5\text{-}2)$$

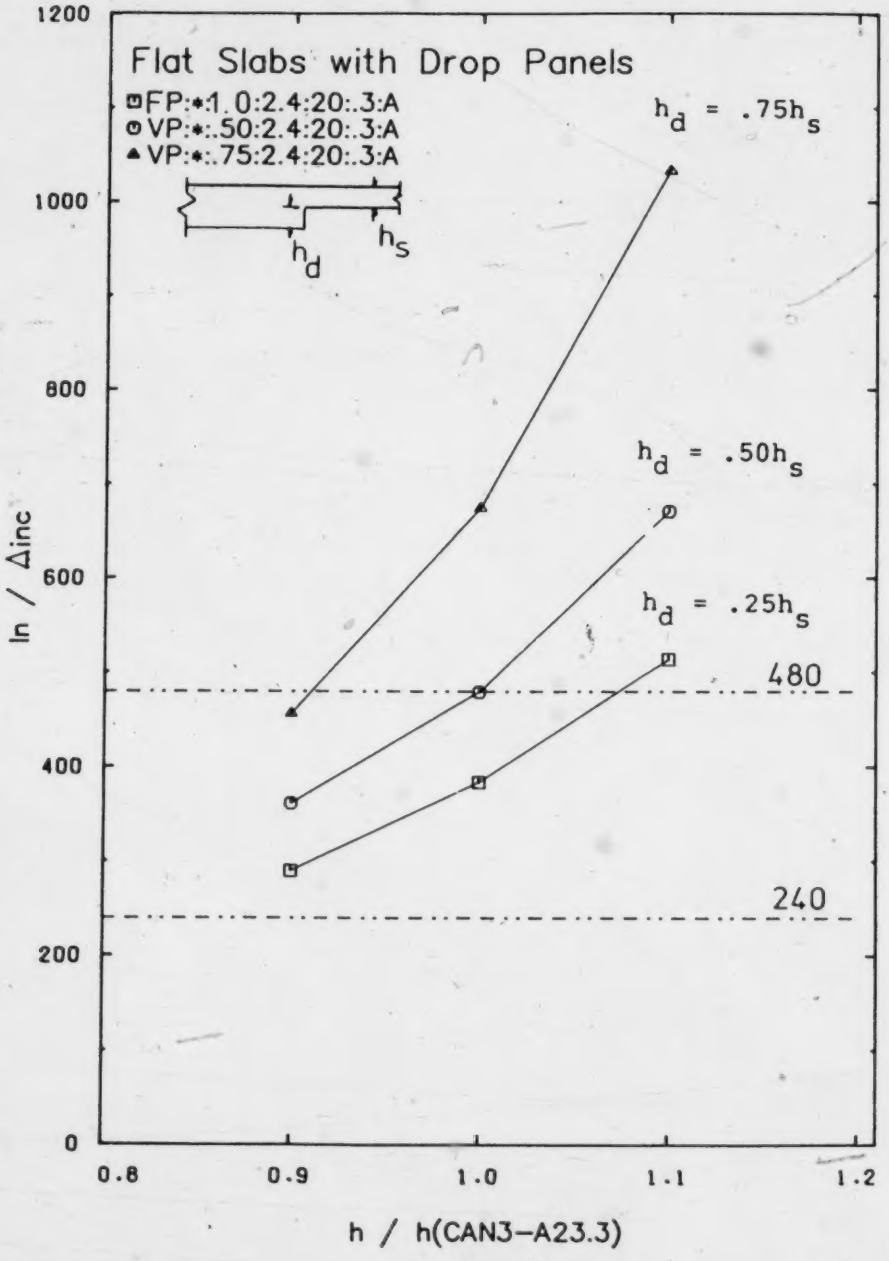

Figure 5.20 Minimum Span-Calculated Incremental Deflection Ratios of Flat Slabs with Various Drop Panel Thicknesses

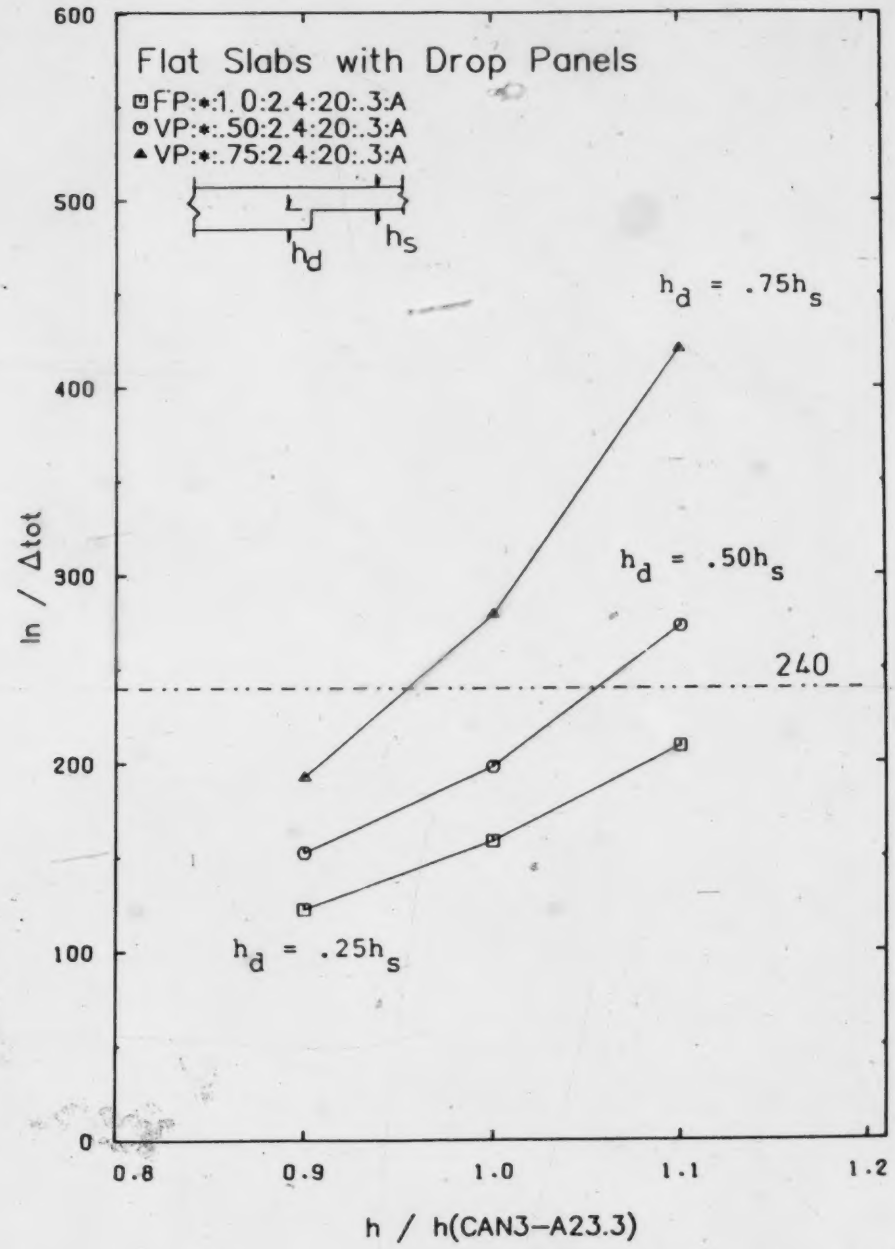

Figure 5.21 Minimum Span-Calculated Total Deflection Ratios of Flat Slabs with Various Drop Panel Thicknesses

Equations 5-1 and 5-2 were evaluated by comparing the calculated span-deflection ratios from the computer simulations of the slabs shown in Tables 5.2 and 5.3. Equation 5-1 predicts that slabs with 30 MPa concrete that are ten percent thinner than slabs with 20 MPa concrete should have the same calculated deflection. Table 5.2 compares calculated deflections of slabs, considered in the study, using 20 MPa concrete with those of slabs using 30 MPa that are ten percent thinner. The table indicates calculated deflections for these two groups slabs are within six percent of each other.

Equation 5-2 predicts that the calculated deflections of a slab with β = 1.0 and $1.10h_m$ and a slab with β = 2.0 and $.90h_m$ would be the same. Table 5.3 compares calculated deflections of such slabs considered in the study. The results indicate that Eq. 5-2 can be used for slabs governed by total deflections but not for incremental deflections. Although the difference in incremental deflections of the two slabs is eight percent, the difference would affect the slab thickness by only three percent.

All slabs considered in this study had constant thickness and equal long spans for all panels. When $f_e=.30\sqrt{f'_c}$ was used the calculated minimum span-deflection ratios for the exterior and interior panels are within five percent of each other.

Figure 5.22 presents calculated incremental deflections for interior panels of flat slabs with different

Table 5.2 Prediction of Effect of f_c on Slab Thickness

Slabs Compared	$\frac{\ell}{\Delta}$	$1.10h_m$	h_m	Percent
Concrete Strength f'_c		20 MPa	30 MPa	Difference
FP:*:1.0:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δtot	252	256	-1.6
FP:*:1.0:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δinc	606	604	0.3
FP:*:1.5:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δtot	426	431	-1.2
FP:*:1.5:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δinc	1011	1002	0.9
FP:*:2.0:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δtot	449	441	1.8
FP:*:2.0:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δinc	1058	1017	4.0
DP:*:1.0:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δtot	209	206	1.5
DP:*:1.0:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δinc	514	497	3.4
DP:*:1.5:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δtot	320	320	0.0
DP:*:1.5:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δinc	778	763	2.0
DP:*:2.0:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δtot	358	344	4.1
DP:*:2.0:2.4:#:.3:A	ℓ/Δinc	860	813	5.8

Notes:
concrete strength is specified in chart
* slab thicknesses are as follows
when f'_c = 20 MPa $1.10h_m$=195 (FP) and 210 (DP)
f'_c = 30 MPa h_m=175 (FP) and 190 (DP)
if the difference is negative the deflection is less with the thinner slab

Table 5.3 Prediction of Effect of β on Slab Thickness

Slabs Compared	$\frac{\ell}{\Delta}$	$1.10h_m$	$.90h_m$	Percent
Panel Aspect Ratio β		1.0	2.0	Difference
FP:*:#:2.4:20:.3:A	ℓ/Δtot	252	252	0.0
FP:*:#:2.4:20:.3:A	ℓ/Δinc	606	560	8.2
DP:*:#:2.4:20:.3:A	ℓ/Δtot	209	205	2.0
DP:*:#:2.4:20:.3:A	ℓ/Δinc	514	474	8.4

Notes:
aspect ratio is specified in chart
* slab thicknesses are as follows
when β= 1.0 $1.10h_m$=195 (FP) and 210 (DP)
β= 2.0 $0.90h_m$=160 (FP) and 175 (DP)
if the difference is negative the deflection is less with the thinner slab

thicknesses. For the minimum thicknesses specified by CAN3 A23.3, $\frac{\ell_n}{33.75}$ (flat plate) and $\frac{\ell_n}{37.1}$ (flat slab with drop panels), the incremental deflections exceed the most severe deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ when β is less than 1.5. When the thicknesses are increased by ten percent to $\frac{\ell_n}{30.4}$ and $\frac{\ell_n}{33.75}$, respectively, deflections exceed the $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ deflection limit only when β is less than 1.2.

Since the most severe deflection limit is only slightly exceeded when β is between 1.0 and 1.2, a minimum thickness of $\frac{\ell_n}{30.4}$ for flat plates and $\frac{\ell_n}{33.75}$ for flat slabs with drop panels may be used for limiting incremental deflections to $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ for interior panels. These minimum thicknesses can be applied to exterior panels also, since the deflections are similar. For exterior panels of flat slabs with no edge beams these thicknesses are used as the minimum thicknesses under the present code provisions.

The use of the same thickness for the minimum thicknesses for both interior and exterior panels would simplify the code. This can be done by replacing CAN3 A23.3 Equation 9-9 (Eq. 2-1) by Eq. 5-3.

$$h = \frac{\ell_n}{30} \qquad \text{when } f_y = 400 \text{ MPa} \qquad (5\text{-}3)$$

Equation 5-3 is the same as the minimum thickness requirement used in ACI 318-63 except that the clear span (ℓ_n) is used instead of the centre to centre span (ℓ).

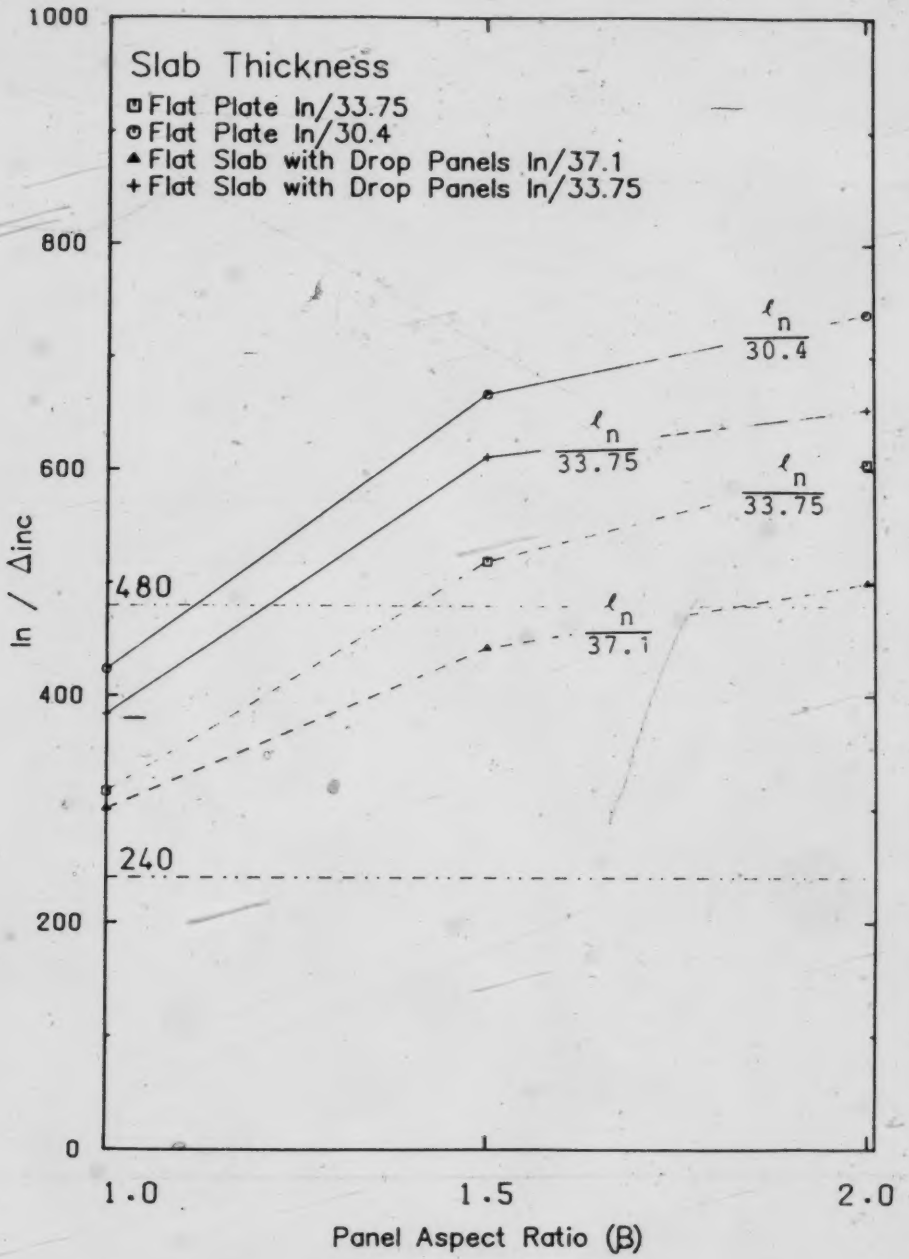

Figure 5.22 Comparison of Minimum Span-Calculated Incremental Deflection Ratios of Interior Panels of Different Thicknesses

5.4 Evaluation of Minimum Thickness Provisions

5.4.1 Live Load Deflections

All the slabs simulated in this thesis meet the deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{360}$. The calculated deflections were at most one quarter of the limit.

5.4.2 Incremental Deflections

Flat plates investigated using $f_e=.60\sqrt{f'_c}$, or having a concrete strength of 30 MPa had calculated deflections less than the deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$. All flat plates met the limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$. Flat plates with 20 MPa concrete and $f_e=.30\sqrt{f'_c}$ have calculated deflections less than $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ when β is greater than 1.25 for all live loads. Thus the only area of concern for flat plates would be of slabs with 20 MPa concrete and β = 1.0 supporting partitions likely to be damaged by large deflections.

Flat plates with edge beams using $f_e=.60\sqrt{f'_c}$ have calculated deflections less than $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$. Slabs under apartment loads will satisfy $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ when α is greater than 2.0 and concrete strength of 30 MPa. In all other cases the calculated deflections were between $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ and $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$.

Deflections calculated for slabs with drop panels were less than $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ when $f_e=.60\sqrt{f'_c}$. The calculated deflections with $f_e= .30\sqrt{f'_c}$ were smaller than the $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ limit when β was greater than 1.3, but were between $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ and $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ with β less than 1.3 for slabs with 30 and 20 MPa concrete.

The incremental deflections calculated in this study were based on an early time of installation of partitions, one week after removal of shoring, and are a conservative estimate of the slabs' performance. Better results would be obtained if the installation of the partitions was delayed, and this time variable needs further investigation.

In summary, slabs studied in this thesis meeting the code minimum thickness satisfied the deflection limit to prevent damage to partitions not likely to be damaged by large deflections. However, with $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$ when $\beta = 1.0$, these slabs did not satisfy the limit to prevent damage to partitions likely to be damaged by large deflections.

5.4.3 Total Deflections

Flat plate calculated total deflections met the deflection limit $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ except in the following case. The deflections would exceed the limit when $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$, $f'_c = 20$ MPa and β less than 1.3. When edge beams were included in the slab configuration for $\beta = 1.0$ the calculated deflections would exceed the deflection limit except when $f_e = .60\sqrt{f'_c}$.

The calculated deflections of slabs with drop panels did not exceed the deflection limit when $f_e = .60\sqrt{f'_c}$, or $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$ with $f'_c = 20$ MPa and β greater than 1.5. The slab's performance improved when $f'_c = 30$ MPa, but the deflections still exceed the limit when $\beta = 1.0$. There should be some concern about using slabs of minimum thickness with aspect

ratios of less than 1.5.

5.5 Summary

The results of the parameter study were presented and evaluated considering live load, incremental, and total deflections. Results indicated that two variables not considered by CAN3 A23.3, concrete strength and panel aspect ratio of the slab, had a significant effect on calculated deflections for slabs without beams. Conclusions and recommendations of the study are presented in the next chapter.

6. Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations

6.1 Summary

CAN3 A23.3 allows two methods for controlling deflections of slabs. Slab deflections need not be checked if the slab thicknesses are larger than those specified in the code. If thinner slabs are used the deflections must be calculated to ensure that they do not exceed the code-specified limits. The minimum thickness provisions of the code are based on satisfactory performance of previously built slabs, but these thicknesses have never been checked to see what their calculated deflections are. This parametric study has investigated factors affecting deflections of Flat Plates and Flat Slabs to evaluate CAN3 minimum thickness provisions.

The study used a computer simulation to calculate deflections of different types of slabs. The simulation was done in two parts. The first part used a finite element program to simulate short-term deflections, which included cracking of the slab. An effective modulus of rupture of $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$ was used to account for the effect of shrinkage on the slab. The results of this program were modified in the second part of the simulation, using ACI 209 recommended equations to simulate the long-term effects of creep, shrinkage and the increasing strength of the concrete. The results of the simulation were evaluated using the code-specified limits with two additional criteria. The

diagonal span of the panel was considered as well as column line span and a total deflection limit was also used.

The effects of using different concrete strengths, loads and thicknesses for a variety of rectangular slabs were investigated indicating areas of concern with the present provisions. The parametric study identified two parameters which have a significant effect on deflections but are not considered in the present provisions. These parameters are the panel aspect ratio and the concrete strength. In addition, the study shows the present provisions are inadequate for interior panels and indentifies one parameter (edge beam stiffness ratio α) used in the code that does not have as significant an effect as previously thought.

6.2 Conclusions

Based on the results of the parametric study the following conclusions are presented.

6.2.1 Material Properties

1. Calculated deflections of slabs analysed using $f_r = .60\sqrt{f'_c}$ are 40 percent of those of the same slabs using $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$
2. Calculated deflections of slabs analysed using $f'_c = 30$ MPa are 75 percent of those of the same slabs using $f'_c = 20$ MPa

3. Slabs having thicknesses related by Eq. 5-1 have similar calculated deflections.

$$h_{f'_c} = \left(\frac{20}{f'_c}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} h_{20} \qquad (5\text{-}1)$$

6.2.2 Loading

1. Construction methodology has a greater influence on slab deflections than service live loads.
2. Different Live Loads have little effect on calculated deflections.

6.2.3 Geometric Properties

1. In most cases the minimum span-deflection ratio of the slab was found in the interior bay.
2. When the slab panel aspect ratio (β) equalled 1.0 the minimum span-deflection ratio was found along the diagonal of the panel.
3. Slabs having thicknesses related by Eq. 5-2 have similar calculated deflections.

$$h_{\beta} = \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} h_{1.0} \qquad (5\text{-}2)$$

4. Flat Slabs with drop panels giving a total thickness 1.5 times the slab thickness meet the $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ incremental deflection limit.
5. Although Edge Beams improve the minimum span-deflection ratio of exterior panels, they do not significantly improve the overall minimum span-deflection ratio of a

slab. In square panel slabs with edge beams the minimum span-deflection ratio occurs in the interior panel.

6. Interior and exterior panels with thicknesses set using Eq. 5-3 have satisfactory calculated deflections.

$$h = \frac{\ell_n}{30} \qquad \text{when } f_y = 400 \text{ MPa} \qquad (5\text{-}3)$$

6.2.4 Code Deflection Limits

1. Calculated deflections meet the code deflection limits for all slabs analysed using the code value for $f_r = .60\sqrt{f'_c}$.
2. All slabs studied meet the deflection limit for live load deflections.
3. All slabs studied meet the incremental deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$.
4. The incremental deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ was exceeded when $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$ and $\beta = 1.0$ by all the slabs which used the code minimum thickness.
5. The incremental deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ was exceeded when $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$ and $\beta \leq 1.5$ by all interior panels using the code minimum thickness.
6. All flat plates with edge beams studied had calculated deflections that exceeded the limits for incremental deflections of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$ using $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$.

6.2.5 Selected Total Deflection Limit

1. For the slabs studied the total deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$ was a more restrictive limitation than an incremental deflection limit of $\frac{\ell_n}{480}$.
2. All flat plates with edge beams studied had calculated deflections which exceeded the total deflection limit ($\frac{\ell_n}{240}$) using $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$.
3. Calculated total deflections exceeded the limit for slabs of code minimum thickness using $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$ when $\beta = 1.0$.

6.3 Recommendations for Revisions to CAN3 A23.3

Based on the results of this parametric study the following revisions to CAN3-A23.3 are presented for consideration.

1. Clause 9.5.3.3.1 - Eq. 9-9 should be revised to Eq. 5-3

$$h = \frac{\ell_n}{30} \qquad \text{when } f_y = 400 \text{ MPa} \qquad (5\text{-}3)$$

2. Clause 9.5.3.3.2. - note (a) should be revised to read:- The drop panels project at least one-half of the slab thickness below the slab
3. Clause 9.5.3.3.3. -*"At discontinuous edges, an edge beam shall be provided with a stiffness ratio, α, not less than 0.8, or the minimum thickness required by Eq. 9-9 shall be increased by at least ten percent in the panel with the discontinuous edge"*

-should be deleted

4. Table 9.2 -A total deflection limit should be included. The British and Australian Concrete Codes use a total deflection limit of $\frac{\ell}{250}$.
5. Table 9.2 -ℓ should be clearly defined as the span either along the column line or the diagonal of a panel in two-way slab systems.

6.4 Recommendations for Design Practice

1. Do not decrease the slab thickness if edge beams are used unless the interior spans are significantly shorter.
2. Use drop panel thicknesses of 1.5 times the slab thickness instead of 1.25.
3. Do not use less than the code minimum thickness for slabs supporting partitions likely to be damaged by large deflections, with an aspect ratio less than 1.5.
4. Thinner slabs than the code minimum thickness can be used for supporting partitions not likely to be damaged by large deflections, but there will be a noticeable total deflection.

6.5 Recommendations for Future Research

1. Investigation of the effects of the time of installation of partitions, and span length on slab deflections.

2. Investigation into the serviceability of slabs with beams and one-way slabs.
3. Review of present shrinkage and creep experimental data to produce more accurate time functions for these properties.
4. Development of a finite element program which will simulate the effect of normal forces as well as cracking on concrete slab deflections.
5. Investigation of the effect of slab cracking on the load ratios developed by Grundy and Kabalia.
6. Development of proper load factors and ϕ factors for design of concrete slabs under construction loads.
7. Experimental investigation to verify the appropriateness of using f_e in Branson's I_e equation for the calculation of deflections of concrete members with end restraints.

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Appendix A

Code Provisions for

Minimum Slab Thickness

A.1 Excerpts from CAN3 A23.3-M84

The numbering of sections, equations and tables are taken directly from A23.3-M84.

Notation

h overall thickness of member, mm

ℓ_n length of clear span, in the direction moments are being determined, measured face-to-face of supports, mm

f_y specified yield strength of non-prestressed reinforcement, MPa

α ratio of flexural stiffness of beam section to the flexural stiffness of a width of slab bounded laterally by the centreline of the adjacent panel, if any, on each side of the beam (see clause 13)

α_m average value of α for all beams on the edges of a panel

β ratio of clear spans in the long to short direction of a two-way construction

β_s ratio of length of continuous edges to total perimeter of a slab panel

9.5.3.1 - A slab thickness less than the minmimum thickness required by Clauses 9.5.3.2, and 9.5.3.3 may be used, if shown by computation that deflection will not exceed the limits stipulated in Table 9.2. Deflections shall be computed taking into account the size and shape of the panel, the conditions of support, and the nature of restraints at the panel edges. For deflection computations,

the modulus of elasticity, E_c, for concrete shall be as specified in Clause 8.5.1. The effective moment of inertia shall be that given by Eq.(9-3); other values may be used if the computed deflection is in reasonable agreement with results of comprehensive tests. Additional long-time deflection shall be computed in accordance with Clause 9.5.2.5.

9.5.3.2-Two-way slabs with beams between all supports

9.5.3.2.1 - The minimum thickness of slabs or other two-way construction designed in accordance with provisions of Clause 13, and having a ratio of long to short span not exceeding 2 and having beams satisfying Clause 13.6.1.6 between all supports, shall be governed by Eq.(9-7), (9-8) and (9-9) and the other provisions of Clause 9.5.3.2.

$$h = \frac{\ell_n\ (\ 800 + f_y/1.5)}{36{,}000 + 5000\beta(\alpha_m - .5(1 - \beta_s)(1+1/\beta)} \qquad (9\text{-}7)$$

but not less than

$$h = \frac{\ell_n\ (\ 800 + f_y/1.5)}{36{,}000 + 5000\beta(1 + \beta_s)} \qquad (9\text{-}8)$$

but need not be greater than Eq. 9-9.

9.5.3.2.2. - For a panel with a discontinuous edge, the beam at the discontinuous edge shall have a stiffness ratio, α, not less than 0.80, or the minimum thickness required by Clause 9.5.3.2.1 for that panel shall be increased by at least ten percent.

$$h = \frac{\ell_n \ (800 + f_y/1.5)}{36,000} \qquad (9\text{-}9)$$

9.5.3.2.3 - The slab thickness shall not be less than:

(a) value of α_m greater than or equal to 2.0... 90mm

(b) value of α_m less than 2.0.....120mm

9.5.3.3 - Two-way slabs without beams between interior supports

9.5.3.3.1 - The minimum thickness of two-way slabs without beams or with beams only at discontinuous edges designed in accordance with Clause 13 and having a ratio of long to short span not exceeding 2, shall be governed by Eq. (9-9) and the other provisions of Clause 9.5.3.3.

9.5.3.3.2 - For slabs with drop panels, the slab thickness calculated from Eq. (9-9) may be reduced by ten percent provided:

(a) the drop panels project at least one quarter of the slab thickness below the slab,

(b) the drop panels extend beyond the support centre-lines, a distance in each direction not less than 1/6 the centre-to-centre span length in that direction.

9.5.3.3.3 - At discontinuous edges, an edge beam shall be provided with a stiffness ratio, α, not less than 0.80 , or the minimum thickness required by Eq. (9-9) shall be increased by at least ten percent in the panel with the discontinuous edge.

9.5.3.3.4 - The slab thickness shall not be less than

(a) panels with drop panels conforming to Clause 9.5.3.3.2....100mm

(b) all other panels.....120mm

Table 9.1

Thickness Below Which Deflections Must be Computed for Non Prestressed Beams or One-Way Slabs Not Supporting or Attached to Partitions or Other Construction Likely to be Damaged by Large Deflections

Minimum thickness ,(h)	Simply supported	One end continuous	Both Ends continuous	Cantilever
Solid one-way slabs	$\frac{\ell}{20}$	$\frac{\ell}{24}$	$\frac{\ell}{24}$	$\frac{\ell}{10}$
Beams or ribbed one-way slabs	$\frac{\ell}{16}$	$\frac{\ell}{18.5}$	$\frac{\ell}{21}$	$\frac{\ell}{8}$

Values given shall be used directly for members with normal density concrete (γ_c = 2400 kg/m^3) and Grade 400 reinforcement. For other conditions, the values shall be modified as follows:

(a) For structural low density concrete and structural semi-low density concrete, the values shall be multiplied by 1.65 - 0.0003c, but not less than 1.00, where c is the density in kg/m^3.

(b) For fy other than 400 MPa, the values shall be multiplied by $(0.4 + \frac{f_y}{670})$.

Table 9.2

Maximum Permissible Computed Deflections		
Type of member	Deflection to be considered	Deflection limitation
roofs not supporting or attached to nonstructural elements likely to be damaged by large deflections	Immediate deflection due to specified live load L	$\frac{\ell^*}{180}$
Floors not supporting or attached to nonstructural elements likely to be damaged by large deflections	Immediate deflection due to specified live load L	$\frac{\ell}{360}$
Roof or floor construction supporting or attached to nonstructural elements likely to be damaged by large deflections	That part of the total deflection occurring after attachment of nonstructural elements (sum of the long time deflection due to all sustained loads and the immediate deflection due to any additional live load)	$\frac{\ell^t}{480}$
Roof or floor construction supporting or attached to nonstructural elements not likely to be damaged by large deflections	—	$\frac{\ell^5}{240}$

*-Limit not intended to safeguard against ponding. Ponding should be checked by suitable calculations of deflection, including added deflections due to ponded water, and considering long-time effects of all sustained loads, camber, construction tolerances, and reliability of provisions for drainage.

t-Limit may be exceeded if adequate measures are taken to prevent damage to supported or attached elements.

ζ-Long-time deflections shall be determined in accordance with Clause 9.5.2.5 or 9.5.4.4 but may be reduced by amount of deflection calculated to occur on basis of accepted engineering data relating to time-deflection characteristics of members similar to those being considered.

- But not greater than tolerance provided for nonstructural elements. Limit may be exceeded if camber is provided so that total deflection minus camber does not exceed limit.

A.2 Excerpts from CEB-FIP Model Code MC 78 for Concrete Structures

The numbering of sections, equations and tables are taken directly from CEB-FIP MC 78.

16.2.4 Cases for which checking of the Deflections may be omitted

A check on the deflections is not necessary where the spans or slenderness of slabs or beams do not exceed certain values and if there is no danger of damage to surface finishes owing to the deflections or the rotations at the supports.

Commentary

For information it may be stated that checking the deflections is not indispensable in the following cases:
(a) slabs or beams with spans not exceeding five meters,
(b) one or two way slabs for which slenderness ratio $\zeta\ell/h$ does not exceed 30,
(c) beams for which $\zeta\ell/h$ does not exceed 25.

Values for ζ may be taken from table 16.1. For floor slabs which support partitions the behaviour of which is affected by the deflections, the latter must be checked unless the slenderness ratio $\zeta\ell/h$ does not exceed $150/\zeta\ell$ (ℓ in m).

Table 16.1

Boundary Conditions	Value of ζ
Simply Supported	1.0
Exterior Span	0.8
Interior Span	0.6
Cantilever	2.4

A.3 Excerpts from BS 8110:1985

The numbering of sections, equations and tables are taken directly from BS 8110:1985.

Notation

b the effective width of a rectangular beam

d the effective depth

$A_{s.req}$ the area of tension reinforcement required at mid-span to resist the moment due to design ultimate loads (at support for a cantilever)

$A_{s.prov}$ the area of tension reinforcement provided at mid-span (at support for cantilever)

f_s the estimated design service stress in the tension reinforcement

f_y the characteristic strength of the reinforcement

β_b the ratio:
$$\frac{\text{moment at the section after redistribution}}{\text{moment at the section before redistribution}}$$
from the respective maximum moments diagram

3.2 Serviceability Limit States

3.2.1 Excessive deflections due to vertical loads

3.2.1.1 *Appearance* For structural members that are visible, the sag in a member will usually become noticeable if the deflection exceeds $\ell/250$, where ℓ is either the span or, in the case of a cantilever, its length.

This shortcoming can in many cases be at least partially overcome by providing an initial camber. If this is done, due attention should be paid to the effects on construction tolerances, particularly with regard to

thicknesses of finishes.

This shortcoming is naturally not critical if the element is not visible.

3.2.1.2 *Damage to non-structural elements.* Unless partitions, cladding and finishes, have been specifically detailed to allow for the anticipated deflections, some damage can be expected if the deflection after the installation of such finishes and partitions exceeds the following values:

(a) L/500 or 20 mm, whichever is the lesser, for brittle materials

(b) L/350 or 20 mm, whichever is the lesser, for nonbrittle partitions or finishes;

where L is the span or, in the case of a cantilever, its length.

3.5.7 Deflection of Solid Slabs

Deflections may be calculated and compared with the serviceability requirements given in section three of BS 8110:Part2 but, in all normal cases, it will be sufficient to restrict the span/effective depth ratio. The appropriate ratio for a solid slab may be obtained from the Table 3.10, modified by Table 3.11.

Only the reinforcement at the centre of the span in the width of slab under consideration should be considered to influence deflection. The ratio for a two-way spanning slab should be based on the shorter span and its amount of reinforcement in that direction.

Table 3.10

Basic span/effective depth ratios for rectangular beams

Support Conditions	Ratio
Cantilever	7
Simply supported	20
Continuous	26

3.4.6.4 Long Spans

For spans exceeding 10m Table 3.10 should be used only if it is not necessary to limit the increase in deflection after the construction of partitions and finishes. Where limitation is necessary the values in Table 3.10 should be multiplied by 10/span except for cantilevers where the design should be justified by calculation.

3.4.6.5 Modification of span/depth ratios for tension reinforcement.

Deflection is influenced by the amount of tension reinforcement and its stress and therefore the span/effective depth ratios should be modified according to the area of reinforcement provided and its service stress at the centre of the span (or at the support of the case of a cantilever). Values of span/effective depth ratio obtained from Table 3.10 should therefore be multiplied by the appropriate factor obtained from Table 3.11.

Table 3.11

Modification factor for tension reinforcement									
Steel stress		$\frac{M_u}{bd^2}$								
		0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00
	100	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.86	1.63	1.36	1.19	1.08	1.01
	150	2.00	2.00	1.98	1.69	1.49	1.25	1.11	1.01	0.94
(f_y = 250)	156	2.00	2.00	1.96	1.66	1.47	1.24	1.10	1.00	0.94
	200	2.00	1.95	1.76	1.51	1.35	1.14	1.02	0.94	0.88
	250	1.90	1.70	1.55	1.34	1.20	1.04	0.94	0.87	0.82
(f_y = 460)	288	1.68	1.50	1.38	1.21	1.09	0.95	0.87	0.82	0.78
	300	1.60	1.44	1.33	1.66	1.06	0.93	0.85	0.80	0.76

Note 1. The values in the table derive from the relationship:

$$\text{Modification factor} = 0.55 + \frac{(477 - f_s)}{120(0.9 + M_u/bd^2)} \leq 2.0$$

Where M_u is the design ultimate moment at the centre of the span or, for a cantilever, at the support.

Note 2. The design service stress in the tension reinforcement in a member may be estimated from the equation:

$$f_s = \frac{5}{8} f_y \frac{A_{s.req}}{A_{s.prov}} \times \frac{1}{\beta_b}$$

Note 3. For a continuous beam, if the percentage of redistribution is not known but the design ultimate moment at mid-span is obviously the same as or greater than the elastic ultimate moment, the stress f_s, in this table may be taken as $\frac{5}{8} f_y$.

A.4 Excerpts from draft of AS 1480-85

The numbering of sections, equations and tables are taken directly from AS 1480-85.

10.3.4. Deemed to comply span-to-depth ratio for reinforced concrete slabs.

10.3.4.1 One-way slabs and two-way flat slabs.

Total or incremental deflections of a reinforced concrete one-way slab, or two-way flat slab subject to uniformly distributed loads and having multiple spans, shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of Clause 4.3.2. if the effective span to effective depth ratio is not greater than

$$L_e/d = k_3 k_4 \left(\frac{(\Delta/L_e).1000.E_c}{F_{d.ef}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

where

Δ/L_e=the deflection limit selected in accordance with clause 4.3.2(a) and the deflection is taken on the centreline between the supports used to calculate L_e.

L_e= the effective span (the longer span for two-way flat slabs)

E_c = the modulus of elasticity of the concrete in MPa

$F_{d.ef}$ = the appropriate effective design load in kN/m^2 determined from Clause 9.5.3.3,

k_3 = 1.0 for a one-way slab

= 0.95 for a two-way flat slab without drop panels

= 1.05 for a two-way flat slab with drop panels, which extend at least L/6 in each direction on each side of support centreline and have an overall depth not less than

1.3 D where D is the slab thickness beyond the drops.

k_4 = a deflection constant which

(a) for simply supported slabs

= 1.6; or

(b) for continuous slabs, where the ratio of the longer to the shorter of any two adjacent spans does not exceed 1.2 and the, live load, q, is not greater than the dead load, g,

= 2.1 for an end span

= 2.6 for an interior span.

10.3.4.2 Rectangular slabs supported on four sides. Deflection of a reinforced concrete slab supported on four sides by walls or beams shall be deemed to comply with the deflection limited selected in accordance with Clause 4.3.2(a) if the ratio of the effective short span to the effective depth complies with the requirements of Clause 10.3.4.1 except that the value of k_3 shall be taken as 1.0, and the value of k_4, which in this clause takes into account edge support conditions, ratio of long to short side and torsional stiffness, shall be determined from Table 10.3.4.2.

9.5.3.3 Long-term deflection of reinforced beams by multiplier method

The long-term deflection of a normal-weight concrete reinforced beam may be calculated by using the effective second moment of area, I_{ef}, from Clause 9.5.3.1 and an effective design load, $F_{d.ef}$, given by

(a) $F_{d.ef} = (1.0 + k_{cs})G + (\Psi_s + k_{cs}\Psi_1)Q$ for total deflection;

or

(b) $F_{d.ef} = k_{cs}G + (\Psi_s + k_{cs}\Psi_l)Q$ for incremental deflection.

Where

$k_{cs} = 2 - 1.2 \frac{A_{sc}}{A_{st}}$ greater than or equal to 0.8, A_{sc} and A_{st} being the reinforcement provided

(i) at midspan, for a simply supported or continuous beam;or

(ii) at the support, for a cantilever beam;

3.3 Load Combinations for Serviceability Limit States.

The design load for the serviceability limit states shall be taken as one of the following service load combinations:

a) Short-term load .....$G + P + \Psi_s Q + W_s$

b) Long-term load .....$G + P + \Psi_l Q$

Where P is the force in the prestressing steel and Ψ_s and Ψ_l are the short-term and long-term factors respectively. In the absence of more accurate data, the values of Ψ_s and Ψ_l may be taken from Table 3.3 and W_s may be taken as 0.5 W_{50}.

In (a) and (b) above, the dead load G shall be taken as the weight of structural members plus superimposed dead loads including surfacing material, permanent services and permanent partitions. Liquid and earth pressure loads may be considered as superimposed dead loads.

Table 3.3

Term Factors for the Serviceability Limit States		
Live Load for-	Short-term factor, Ψ_s	Long-term factor, Ψ_l
(a) dwellings	0.7	0.4
(b) Offices	0.7	0.4
(c) Parking areas	0.7	0.4
(d) Retail Stores	0.7	0.4
(e) Storage areas	1.0	0.5 to 0.8
(f) Bridges 10m to 100m span	varies linearly from 0.7 to 0.5	0.0

4.3.2 Design of beams and slabs for excessive deflection.

The limit state of excessive deflection for beams and slabs shall be taken into account as follows:

(a) A deflection limit for the member shall be chosen appropriate to the structure and its intended use. In no case shall the values chosen exceed the relevant value specified in Table 4.3.2.

(b) The member shall be designed so that, under the design load for the serviceability limit state given in Clause 3.3, the deflections calculated in accordance with Sections 9 or 10, as appropriate, do not exceed the value determined in (a) above.

(c) For the purpose of calculating deflections at the serviceability limit state, it may be assumed that, provided allowance is made for concrete cracking, a concrete structure will act in a linear-elastic manner under service loads of short duration.

Table 4.3.2

Deflection Limitations			
1	2	3	4
Type of Member	Deflection to be considered	Deflection limitation Δ/L_e for spans	Deflection limitation Δ/L_e for cantilevers
Members generally	Total deflection	1/250 from as-cast position	1/100 from as-cast position
Members with a pre-camber not exceeding $L_e/300$	Total deflection less pre-camber	1/300 below horizontal	1/150 below horizontal
Members supporting masonry partitions	Incremental deflection, being that part of the total deflection which occurs after the addition of non-structural elements. It comprises that long-term deflection due to all sustained loads and the immediate deflection due to any additional live load	1/500 to 1/1000 depending on the provision made to minimize the effect of movement	1/250 to 1/500 depending on the provision made to minimize the effect of movement.
Bridge members	Live load (and impact) deflection	1/800	1/400

Note:

In two-way slab construction the deflection to which the above limits apply is the theoretical deflection of the line diagram representing the idealized frame defined in Clause 8.5.2.

Appendix B

Theoretical Background of Australian and British Code Provisions

B.1 Australian Span Effective Depth Equations

To understand the 1985 Australian code provisions one must review the equations and assumptions used in their derivation. Effective depth will be referred to as 'depth' in describing the derivations and equations used in the derivations are located in Table B.1.

The objective of this exercise is to develop a span to depth ratio that uses Branson's effective moment of inertia. This is done by considering a one-way member under uniform loading. The total deflection will be composed of two components, short term deflection and long term deflection (the additional deflection caused by shrinkage and creep). The mid-span deflection can be written, Eq. B-2, with different values for β depending on end conditions of the member. For Example $\beta = \frac{5}{384}$ for a simply supported beam.

Assuming the member will be under full live and dead loads, both immediate and long term deflection can be written using I_e shown in Eq. B-3. Further, writing I_e as a function of bd^3, Eq. B-4 is derived. Equation B-5 gives an allowable span to depth ratio and can be arrived at by algebraic manipulation. This equation provides a span to depth ratio in terms of the required total deflection.

The derivation of an equation to calculate span-depth ratio's for incremental deflections is very similar to that for total deflections. The deflection to be checked is the long term incremental deflection after the installation of non-structural elements. This is achieved by modifying Eq.

Table B.1 Derivation of Australian Span Depth Equations

$$\Delta_t = \Delta_e + \lambda \Delta_{e.sus} \tag{B-1}$$

$$\Delta_e = \beta \frac{w l^4}{E_c I}$$

Total Deflection

$$\Delta_t = \beta \frac{w_t l^4}{E_c I_1} + \lambda\beta \frac{w_{sus} l^4}{E_c I_2} \tag{B-2}$$

Let

$$I_e = I_1 = I_2$$

$$\Delta_t = \beta \frac{l^4}{E_c I_e}(w_t + \lambda w_{sus}) \tag{B-3}$$

Let

$$I_e = \Lambda b d^3$$

$$\Delta_t = \beta \frac{l^4}{E_c \Lambda b d^3}(w_t + \lambda w_{sus}) \tag{B-4}$$

$$\frac{l^3}{d^3} = \frac{\Delta_t \Lambda b E_c}{l\beta(w_t + \lambda w_{sus})}$$

$$\frac{l}{d} = \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[\frac{\Delta_t}{l} \frac{b E_c}{(w_t + \lambda w_{sus})}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \tag{B-5}$$

Incremental Deflection

$$\Delta_{inc} = \beta \frac{w_t l^4}{E_c I_e} + \beta \frac{w_{sus} l^4}{E_c I_e} - \beta \frac{w_{dead} l^4}{E_c I_e} \tag{B-6}$$

$$\frac{l}{d} = \left[\frac{\Lambda}{\beta}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[\frac{\Delta_{inc}}{l} \frac{b E_c}{(w_t + \lambda w_{sus})}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \tag{B-7}$$

Table B.2 Derivation of Australian Span Depth Equations: continued

$$\frac{l_e}{d} = k_1 k_2 \left| \frac{\Delta_{inc}}{l} \frac{bE_c}{(w_l + \lambda w_{sus})} \right|^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{(B-8)}$$

Code Provisions

$$\frac{l_e}{d} = k_3 k_4 \left| \frac{\Delta_{inc}}{l} \frac{1000E_c}{k_{cs} g + k_{cs} \Psi_l q + \Psi_s q} \right|^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{(B-9a)}$$

$$\frac{l_e}{d} = k_3 k_4 \left| \frac{\Delta_{tot}}{l} \frac{1000E_c}{(1 + k_{cs}) g + k_{cs} \Psi_l q + \Psi_s q} \right|^{\frac{-1}{3}} \quad \text{(B-9b)}$$

Effective Moment of Inertia

$$I_e = \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 I_g + \left| 1 - \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 \right| I_{cr} \quad \text{(B-10)}$$

$$I_e = \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 \left| I_g - I_{cr} \right| + I_{cr} \quad \text{(B-11)}$$

$$M_a = \rho b d f_s j d \qquad M_{cr} = f_r \frac{bh^2}{6} \quad \text{(B-12)}$$

Let

$$f_s = .6 f_y \quad f_y = 410\ MPa. \quad j = .87 \quad d = .9h$$

$$I_{cr} = \frac{bd^3}{12} \left| 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \quad \text{(B-13)}$$

$$I_g = 1.36 \frac{bd^3}{12} \quad \text{(B-14)}$$

Substituting into I_e

$$I_e = \frac{bd^3}{12} \left| \left(\frac{.0006\sqrt{f_c'}}{\rho} \right)^3 \left(1.36 - \left| 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \right) + 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \quad \text{(B-15)}$$

$$\lambda = .1955\sqrt{n\rho} \le .111 \qquad n\rho \ge .045 \quad \text{(B-16a)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{0019}{n\rho} \le .067 \qquad n\rho \le .045 \quad \text{(B-16b)}$$

B-2 as indicated in Eq. B-6, and will provide the span to depth equation shown in Eq. B-7.

Rangan[10] included a modification factor (k_2) to accommodate T & L beams in the equation and leading to the relationship shown in Eq. B-8. Gilbert[12] extended these equations to slab deflections by using k_2 as a slab modification factor to account for two-way action.

The code equations (Eq. B-9a & B-9b)[13] for slab depth take the same form as those for beams but the location factor (k_3), from $(\frac{\Delta}{\beta})\frac{1}{3}$ in Eq. B-7, is different due to the use of a different reinforcement ratio (ρ). The code provisions for the 1985 version of AS 1480 are shown in Appendix A. Comments on the assumptions used are listed below:

1. **Uniformly distributed loads are considered.** Although uniformly distributed loads are most commonly used in slab design it should be recognized that the ratios can not be directly applied to slabs designed for concentrated loads.
2. **Only midspan deflections are considered.** Midspan deflections are not always the maximum deflection but are very close to the maximum value. The effect on the result of the equation is approximately 1% to 2%.
3. **β was developed from elastic analysis.** The β variable used to calculate the midspan deflection used by Rangan was developed for elastic beams. Rangan's assumptions do not allow for redistribution of moments after cracking

in continuous beams or slabs.

A study was carried out to investigate the appropriateness of the magnitude of moments used to calculate k_2. The study included beams having three to six spans shown in Figure B.1 and it was found that much smaller values of β could be used, Table B.3.

4. **The moment of inertia used is calculated at only one level of loading (full dead load plus live load).**

A number of authors[ ] indicated that construction loads on slabs often exceed specified design loads and using I_e under full service loading reflects the real situation for slabs. Therefore this is a reasonable assumption for most slabs.

5. **Slab deflections are modelled as a one dimensional problem.** This is the major assumption used by Gilbert in extending Rangan's equation and has no stated theoretical basis. An emperical slab factor (k_1) was developed from computer simulations to account for variables effecting the slab deflections. A theoretical proposal to explain this factor is given in Appendix C.

6. **The code provisions (span-depth equations) will encourage designers to use a similar amount of reinforcing steel in all their slab designs.** These provisions discourage variation in design of slabs in different areas of the country where cost factors are different. Since the code assumes that a certain amount of steel will be used in slab design and this is not the

Table B.3 Calculated Values for k_2 using Elastic and Redistibuted Moments

Number of Spans	Exterior Spans		Interior Spans			
3	1.24	1.24	2.92			
*	1.19	1.19	1.76			
4	1.27	1.27	1.91	1.91		
*	1.21	1.21	1.54	1.54		
5	1.27	1.27	2.11	1.63	2.11	
*	1.21	1.21	1.61	1.41	1.61	
6	1.27	1.27	2.11	1.66	1.66	2.11
*	1.21	1.21	1.61	1.44	1.44	1.61
#Rangan	1.30	1.30	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50

Note:

* negative moments were reduced by 15 percent as permitted in CAN3 A23.3-M84 clause 8.4

values of k_2 used by Rangan

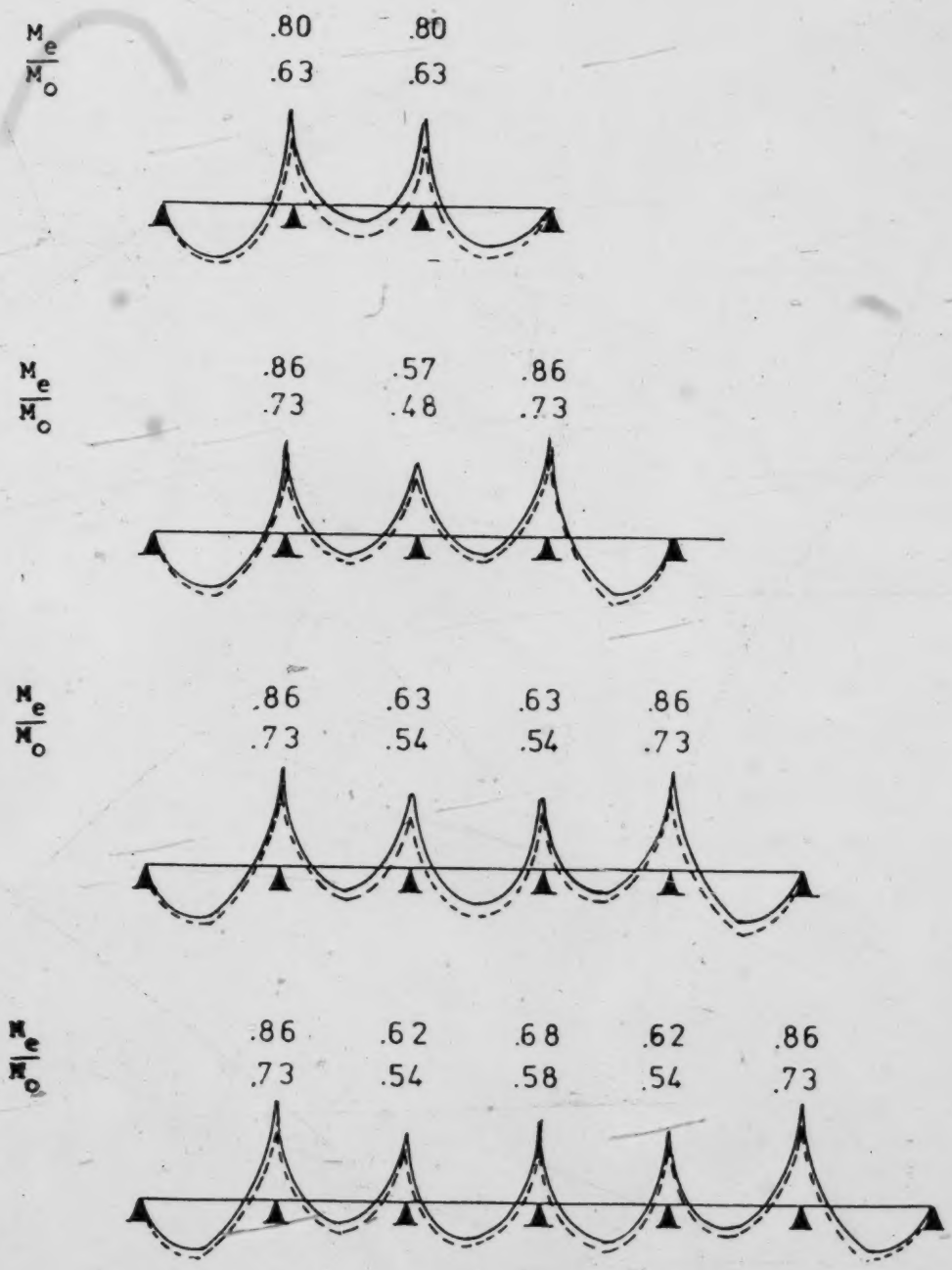


Figure B.1 Elastic Moments of Equal Spans

same quantity required for moment resistance, different deflections than those used in the equation must be expected. Examples are shown in Figures B.2 to B.7 These figures indicate that the code value for $n\rho$ (.034) should be reconsidered especially for slabs under retail loading. This analysis also indicated that when only small deflections, $(\frac{\ell_e}{500})$, are allowed that only minimum reinforcement was required to satisfy the moment capacity.

B.2 Rangan's Approximation of Effective Moment of Inertia

The equations used in the approximation of the effective moment of inertia (I_e) are shown in Table B.2. In attempting to reduce I_e to a ratio of bd^3 from Branson's cubic equation, Eq. B-10, the original equation can be rewritten in the form of Eq. B-11 and from this one can see four areas that must be investigated: the cracking moment, service load moment, the gross moment of inertia and cracked moment of inertia. The cracking moment (M_{cr}) and the service load moment (M_a) must be considered at the same time. Looking first at the service load moment, Rangan made three assumptions to arrive at a solution,

1. the section considered will be only singly reinforced,
2. the stress in the steel will be 60% of the yield stress and only 410 MPa steel is used,
3. the elastic value j will be .87.

These assumptions allow M_a to be expressed as a function of

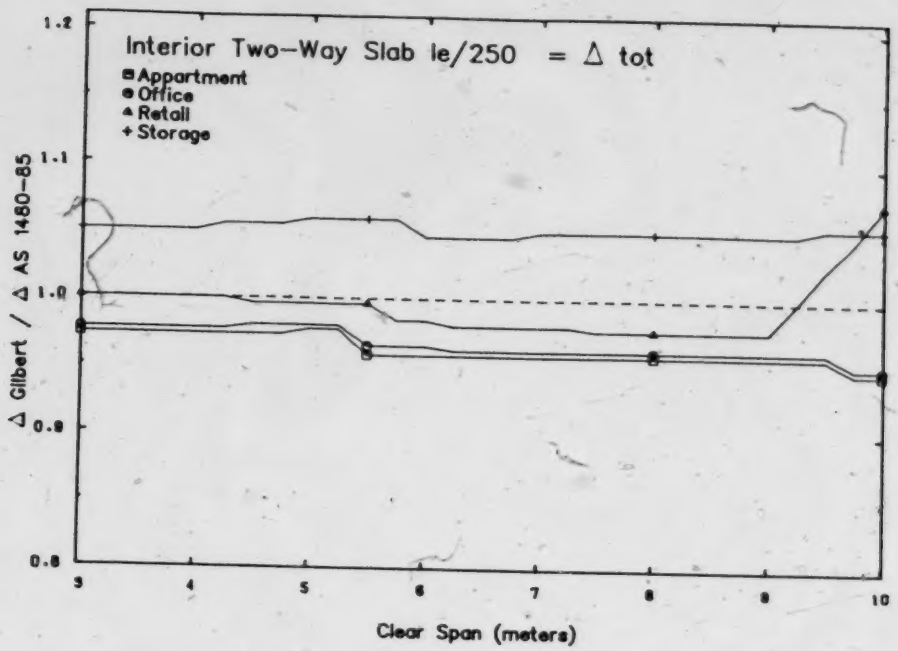


Figure B.2 Predicted Deflections for Different Occupancies

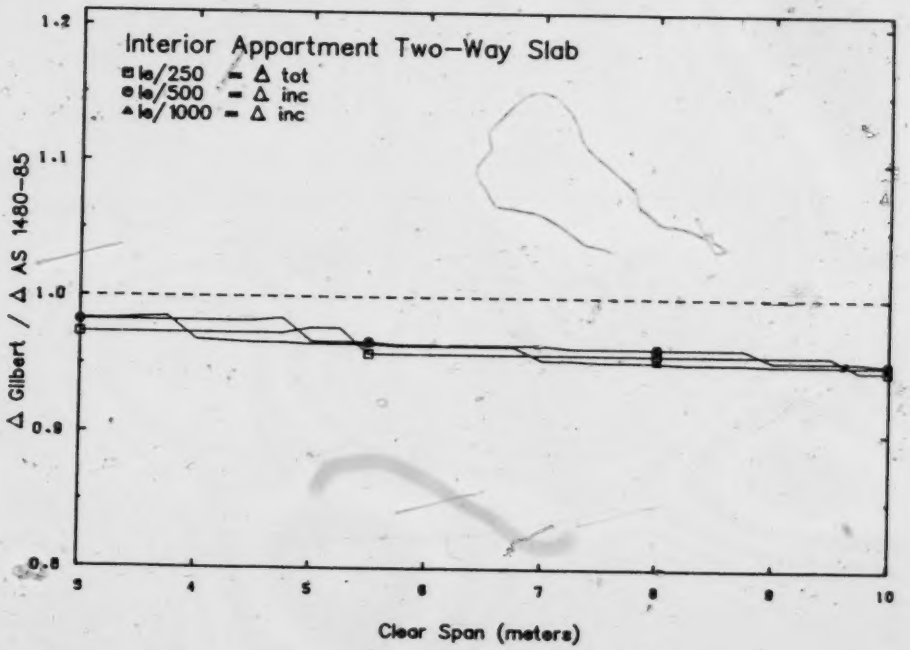


Figure B.3 Predicted Deflections for Different Deflection Criteria

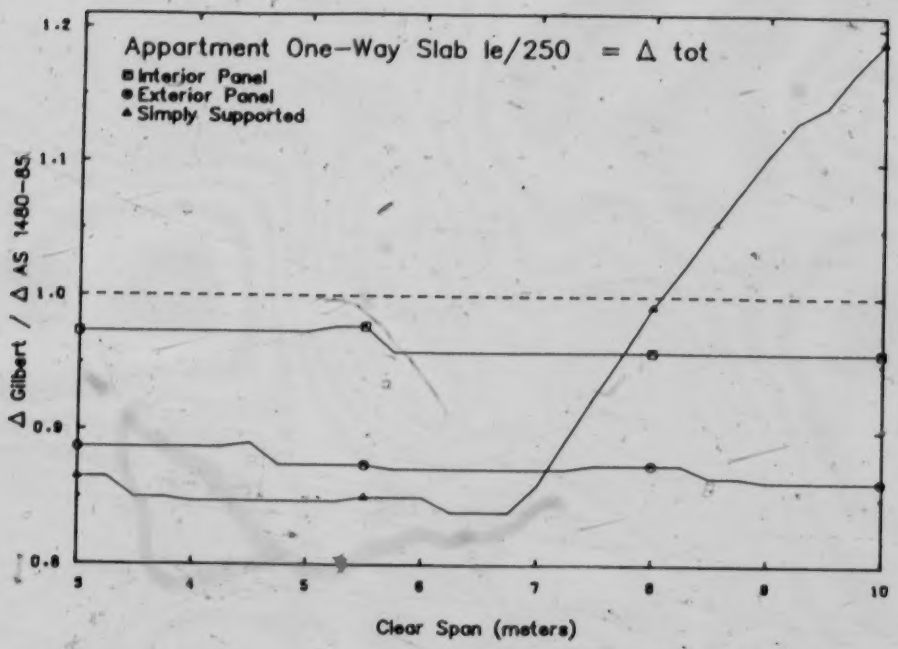
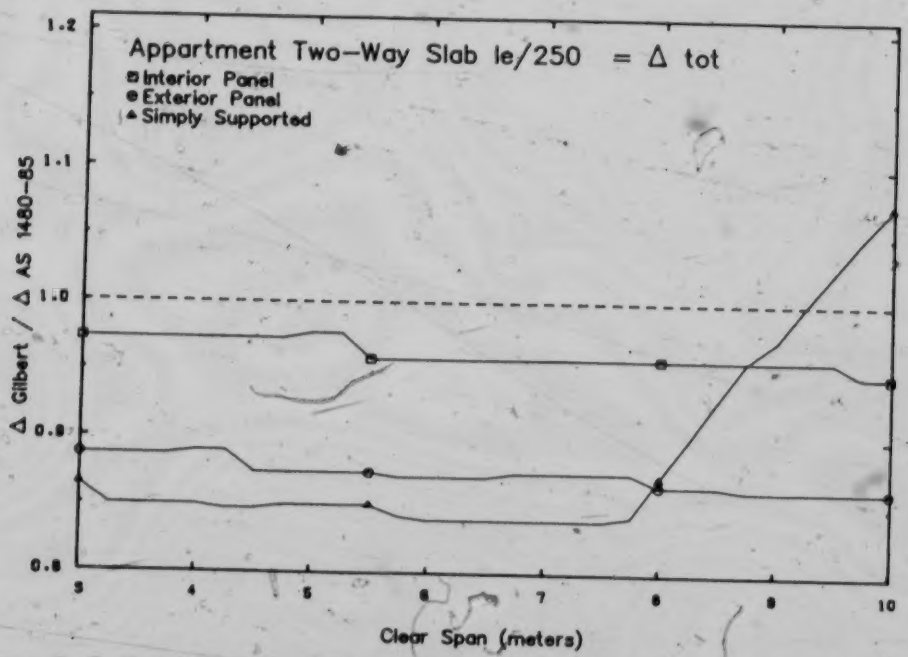


Figure B.4 Predicted Deflections for Different Locations: Apartment One-way Slabs



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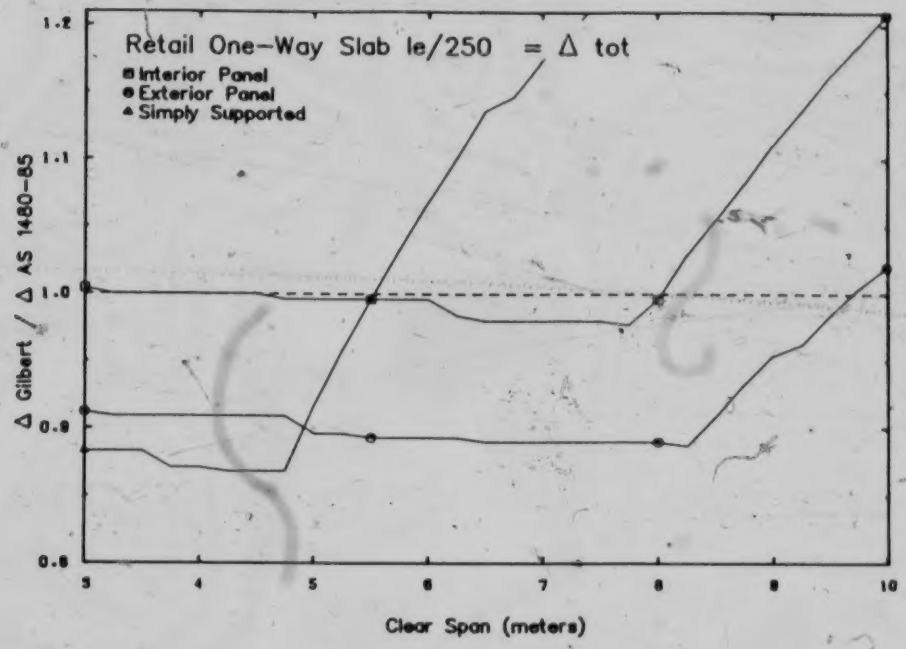

Figure B.6 Predicted Deflections for Different Locations: Retail One-way Slabs

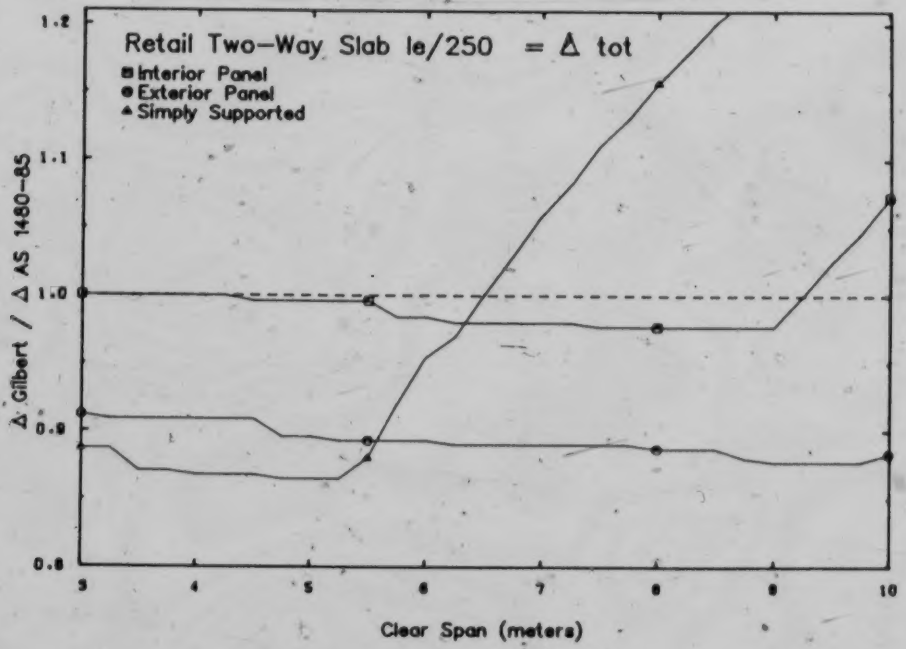

Figure B.7 Predicted Deflections for Different Locations: Retail Two-way Slabs

bd^2, Rangan assumed a depth to thickness ratio of .9 allowing the ratio of M_{cr} versus M_a to be considered as a function of ρ.

$$\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} = 1.24 \frac{1}{0.9 \rho b d^2 j f_s} \frac{b d^2}{} f_r \qquad \text{(B-17)}$$

The cracked moment of inertia, since it is of a singly reinforced member, can be defined as shown in Eq. B-13 while the gross moment of inertia is defined in Eq. B-14 using a depth to thickness ratio of .9. These equations can then be combined to create Eq. B-15. This can be reduced to a function of steel area (ρ) and the concrete strength. Rangan developed Eq. B-16a & B-16b, which approximates Branson's I_e, under these assumptions. Recognizing the necessity of limiting tension stiffening Rangan limited I_e to $.60I_g$ for low values of ρ while restricting I_e to I_g for ρ greater than .7 percent

Although Rangan's effective depth formulas are insensitive to variation in I_e, since the formulas use the cubic root of I_e, a review of assumptions is still in order.

Rangan made five assumptions to arrive at a simplified equation for I_e:

1. **Only singly reinforced members are considered.** This is a conservative assumption that allows the effective moment of inertia to be reduced to a function of the reinforcing ratio (ρ).
2. **j is assumed to be .87 and f_s is assumed to be $.60f_y$.**

These two assumptions are being discussed together for two reasons: they are both functions of ρ, and are unnecessary. The $\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}$ relationship can be derived without using these assumptions by equating M_a and the factored moment (M_f) to find the steel stress in terms of the load factors as illustrated below.

$$\frac{M_a}{M_f} = \frac{w_l + w_d}{a_l w_l + a_d w_d} \tag{B-18}$$

$$M_f = M_n \tag{B-19}$$

$$M_a = \frac{w_l + w_d}{a_l w_l + a_d w_d} M_n \tag{B-20}$$

All additional factors used in this derivation cancel out.

A regression analysis of I_e was done not using these two assumptions and new equations were found for Λ, Eq. B-16a and B-16b, in Table B.2. They are,

$$\Lambda = .0228 + .345n\rho \leq .111 \quad \text{when } n\rho \geq .045 \tag{B-21}$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{.00018}{n\rho^{1.7}} \leq .067 \quad \text{when } n\rho \leq .045 \tag{B-22}$$

3. **An effective depth to thickness ratio ($\frac{d}{h}$) of .9 was used.** This is a realistic value for beams but not slabs and a range of .75 to .85 provides a better set of $\frac{d}{h}$ values. The equation for I_e can be modified to allow

different $\frac{d}{h}$'s and this is shown in Figure B.8.

4. **Only 410 MPa reinforcing steel is used.** This is a assumption restricts the applicablility of the equation to slabs using 410 MPa reinforcement. There has been a relationship found between $\frac{I_e}{I_g}$ versus $\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}$ for different steel strengths that could be used.

5. **Limiting Tension Stiffening.** Tension stiffening can be described mathematically as the $(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a})^3(I_g-I_{cr})$ part of Branson's equation (see Eq. B-11). For members with low reinforcement this part of the equation governs the value of I_e and will theoretically lead to an infinite stiffness for a member with no reinforcing because of the small value of M_a. Branson recommends that I_e be limited to the transformed or gross moment of inertia to prevent the use of unrealistic values. Rangan'[10] and others'[3] argue that this is an unreasonable value for slabs because of additional cracking caused by shrinkage restraint. Rangan recommends that I_e be no greater than $.60I_g$ for members with low reinforcement to provide better results. Gilbert'[12], using this suggestion, found good correlation between his finite element analysis and field measurements. Scanlon and Murray'[4], while agreeing on the need to reduce the tension stiffening, suggested a different method of reducing I_e. They proposed that an effective modulus of rupture (f_e), which takes into consideration the effects of shrinkage stresses to reduce f_r to a reasonable value, be used. Work done in

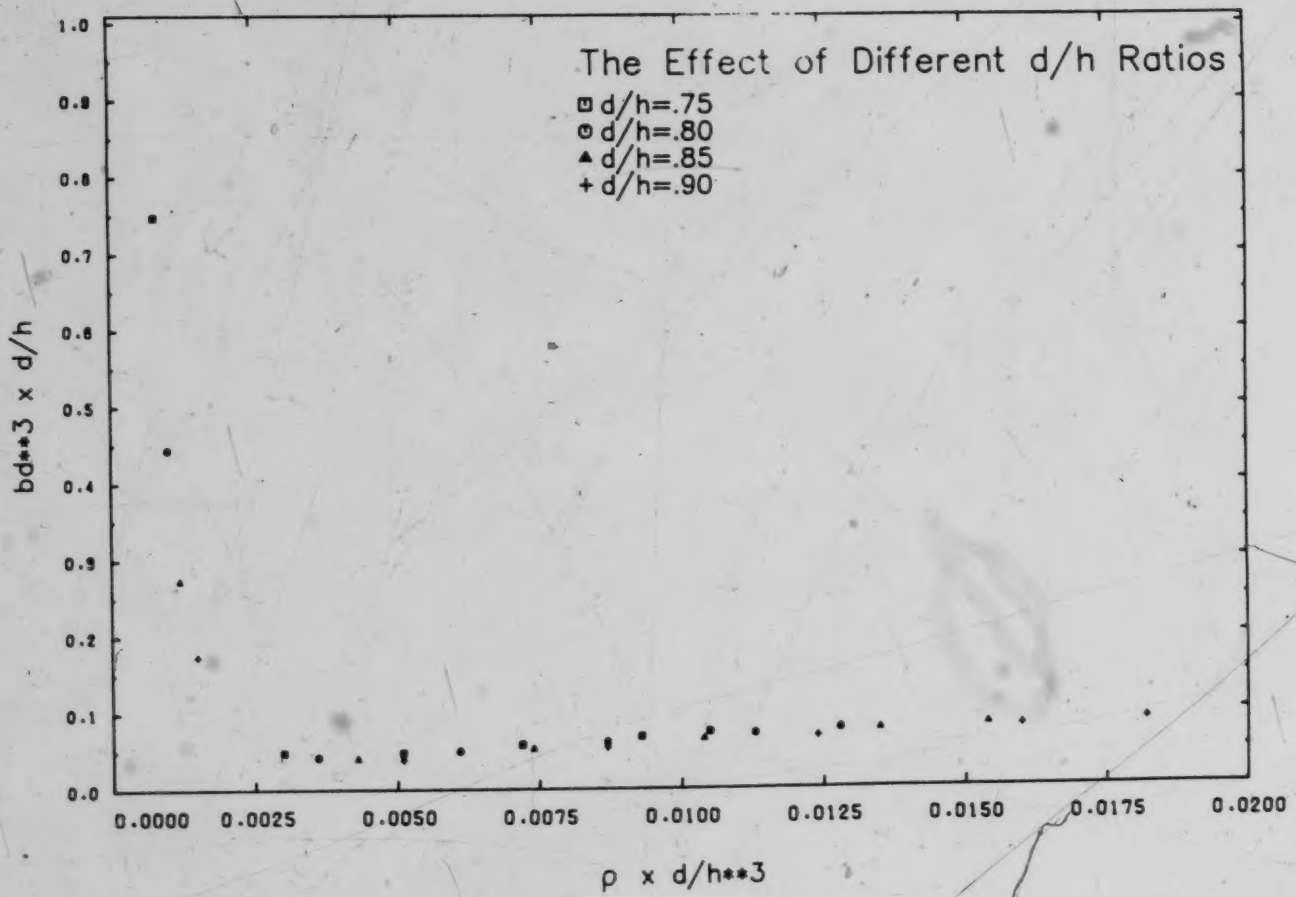

Figure B.8 Relationship Between $\frac{d}{h}$ and bd^3

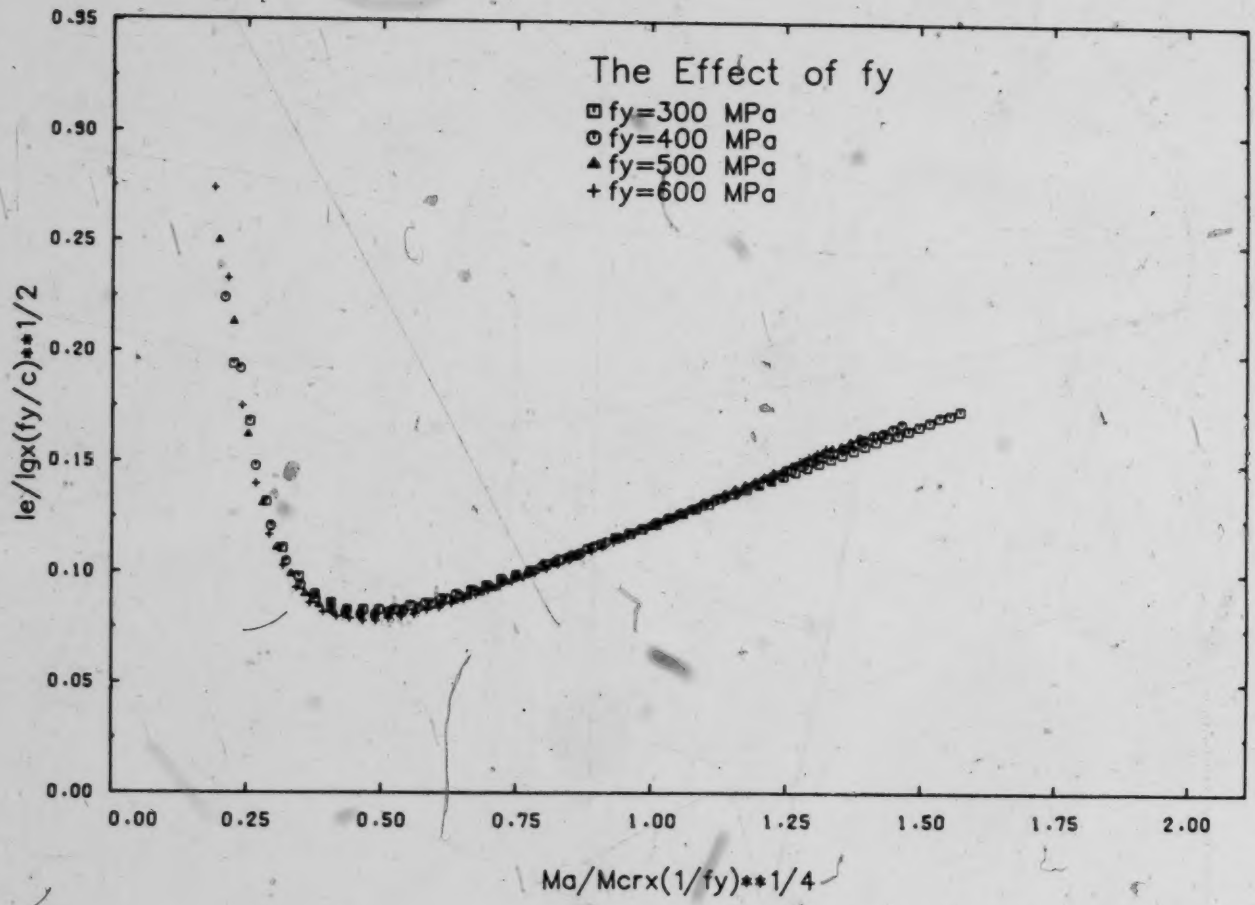

Figure B.9 Relationship Between f_y and I_e

this area'' indicates that a good value would be $f_e = f_r/2$. Further support for this method arises out of experimental work done at the University of Alberta[37] in which one-way slabs were loaded without major shrinkage stresses being allowed to form. The experimenter found in all members with 20 MPa concrete, the cracking moment was at or above that predicted by the concrete code. All these members had a reinforcement ratio of less that .5%. Figures B.9 and B.10 show the differences in the three methods (Branson, Rangan and Scanlon) for moment curvature at minimum reinforcement and $\frac{I_e}{I_g}$ for 25 MPa concrete. In conclusion, assuming that Branson's I_e is accurate and that I_e should be limited to $.60I_g$, Figure B.11 shows the percentage difference of Rangan's approximations compared with Branson's I_e and the error this causes in the span-depth equations. The plot indicates that when $\frac{d}{h}$=.9 at $n\rho$=.034 the approximation causes the span-depth equation to be unconservative by three percent allowing slab deflections to be ten percent greater than predicted. Using $\frac{d}{h}$ = .85, which can be considered a appropriate value for slabs, the approximation is ten percent conservative. Therefore, although there are errors in both the approximation and the $\frac{d}{h}$ value they cancel out.

A general approximation of Branson's I_e equation and a modified slab effective depth equation has been developed and is described in Appendix C.

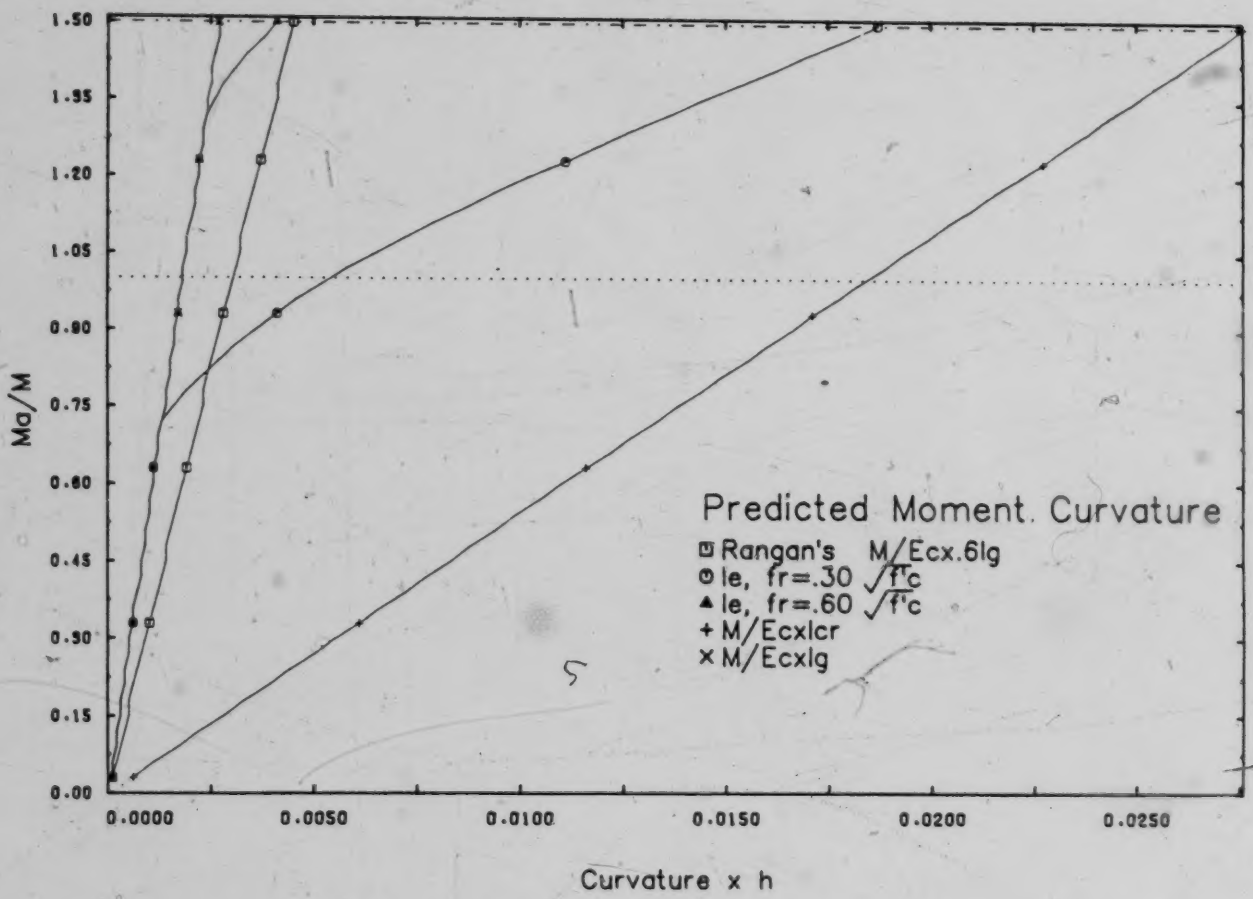

Figure B.10 Different Moment Curvature Relationships for Minimum Reinforcement

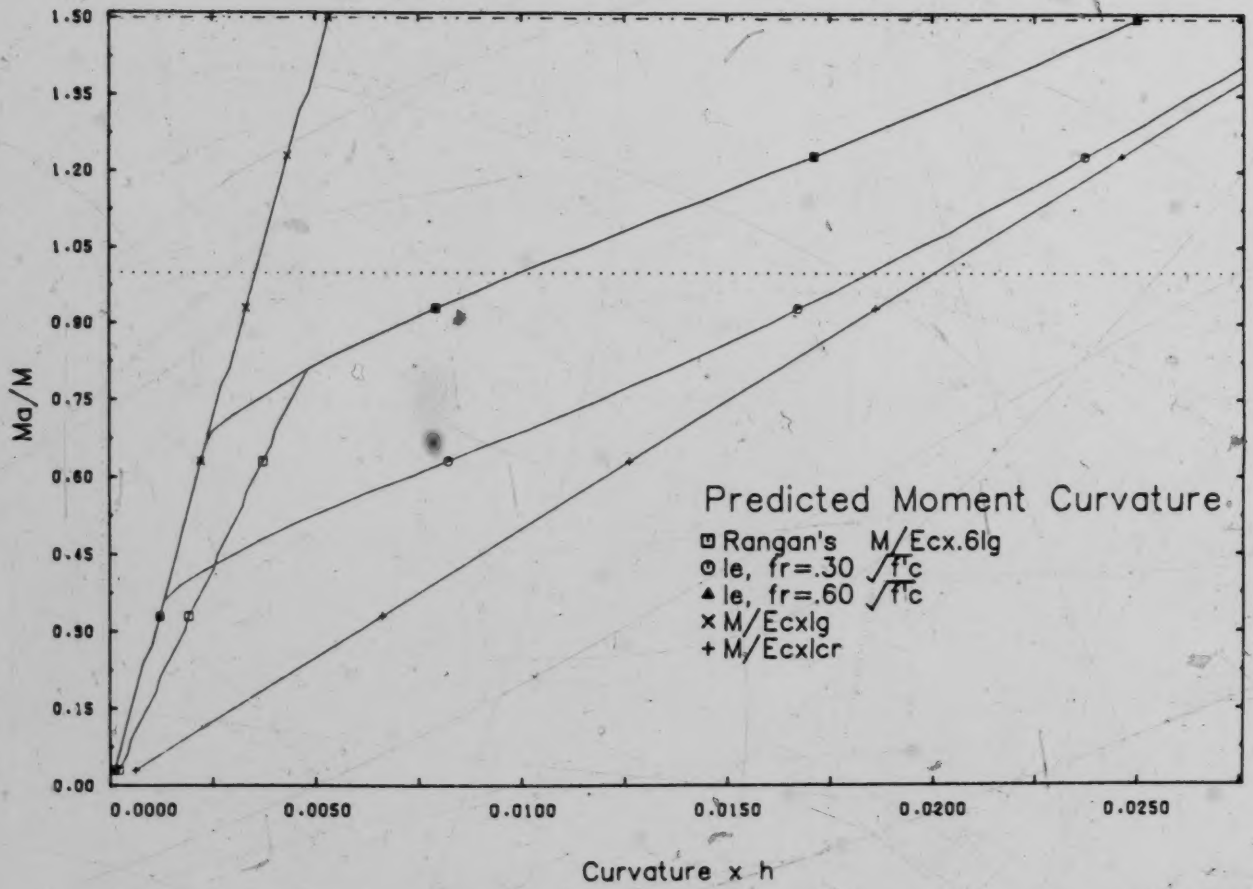

Figure B.11 Different Moment Curvature Relationships for Column Strip Reinforcement

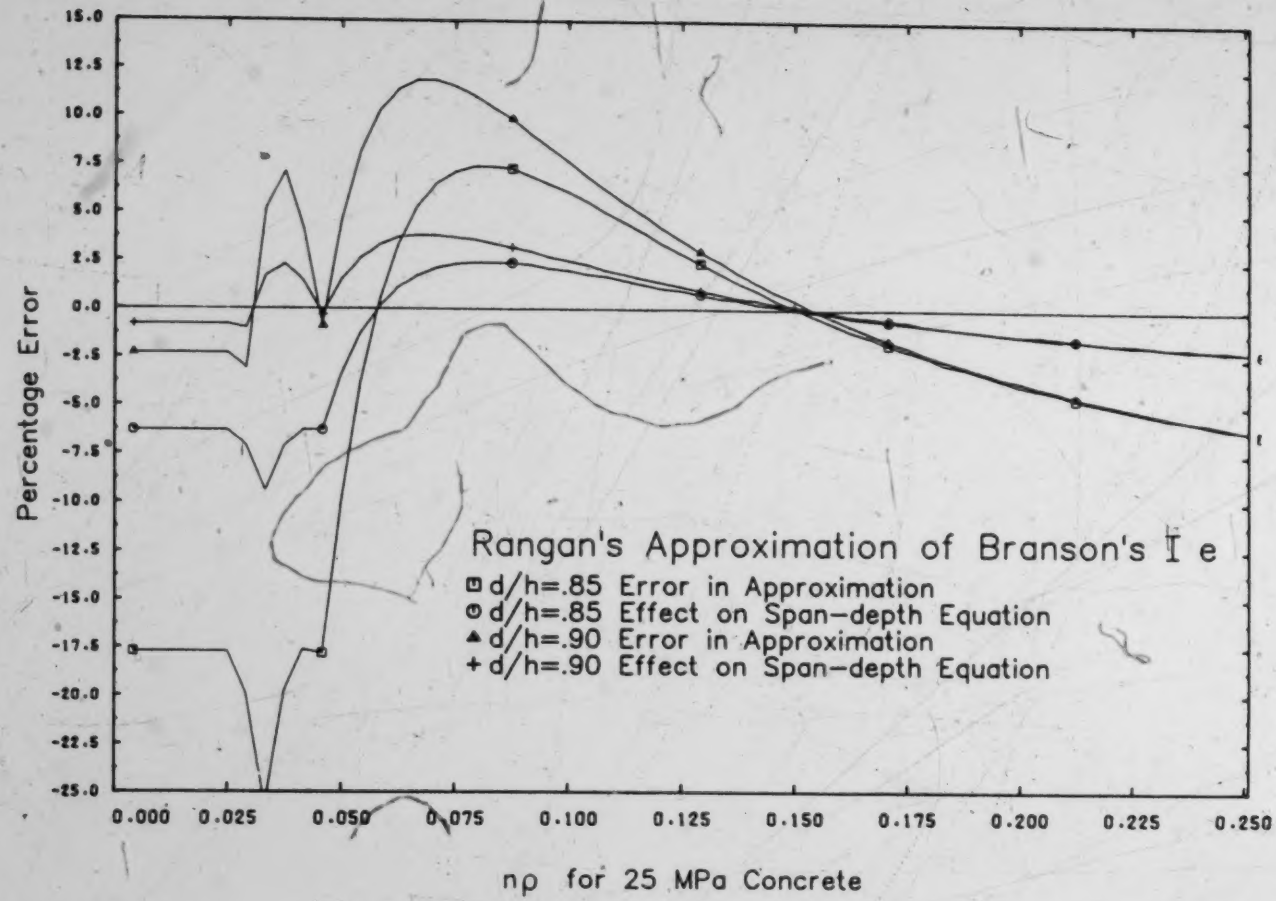

Figure B.12 Percentage Difference Between I_e Predicted by Rangan versus Branson

B.3 Assumptions Used in British Parameter Study

To complete the computer program used in the parametric study Beeby[7] made seven assumptions, they were:

1. Plane sections remain plane for calculation of strains,
2. Reinforcement has a modulus of elasticity of 200 GPa,
3. Concrete has a modulus of elasticity of $4.5\sqrt{f_u}$ GPa, which is approximately $5\sqrt{f'_c}$ GPa using cylinder concrete strengths for short term deflections, and $4.5 \frac{1}{1+\phi} \sqrt{f_u}$ for long term deflections. ϕ accounts for the effect of creep and ranges from 3.5 to 4.5,
4. Stresses in the concrete in tension have a triangular distribution with a tensile stress of 1.0 MPa at the level of the reinforcement,
5. The neutral axis was located based on the assumption that the concrete could not take tension,
6. The effective depth (d) of steel was .9 of the total thickness (h),
7. The service load would occur at two thirds of the factored load.

The first five assumptions are commonly used and their effects are well known; however, the last two assumptions require some discussion. The use of d as .90h is a conservative assumption when considering slabs. A better range for d in slabs would be .8 to .85h, i.e. d = 120 in a 150mm slab. The effect of using .9 instead of .85 would be about a five percent increase in the moment of inertia and therefore a five percent decrease in actual deflection.

However the effect on a span-effective depth ratio is less than two percent.

The assumption that the service load is two thirds of the factored load means that the dead load and live loads are equal. This is a reasonable assumption for slabs under retail loads but not for those with office loadings. The office loaded slabs would have their deflections underestimated by five to eight percent due to this assumption.

After the parameter study was completed, Beeby normalized his results to a standard beam so that a designer could use modifiers to account for different geometries, tensile steel stresses, compression reinforcement, loading and severe long term deflection conditions. This standard beam has a concrete strength of 30 MPa (cube strength) which is equivalent to 27 MPa by cylinder testing. This strength is higher than normally used in North America where slabs are usually designed with 20 to 25 MPa concrete. Equation B-23 was derived by the author to evaluate the effect of the use of such high concrete strength.

$$d_{fu} = \left(\frac{30}{fu}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}} d_{Beeby} \qquad \text{(B-23)}$$

Equation B-23 was arrived at by equating, using Eq. B-24, two slabs with the same span, loading and deflection but with different concrete strengths.

$$\Delta = \frac{w \ell^4}{EI} \qquad \text{(B-24)}$$

$$E_1 I_1 = E_2 I_2 \qquad \text{(B-25)}$$

but, $I = \Lambda bd^3$ and $E = 4.5\sqrt{f_u}$

therefore

$$(\frac{d_1}{d_2})^3 = (\frac{fu_2}{fu_1})\frac{1}{2} \qquad \text{(B-26)}$$

which gives

$$\frac{d_1}{d_2} = (\frac{fu_2}{fu_1})\frac{1}{6} \qquad \text{(B-27)}$$

In the case of 20 MPa concrete Eq. B-23 indicates this could lead to a five percent underestimation of the required effective depth. This underestimation is rectified if Eq. B-23 is used with the standard ratios to account for different strengths of concrete.

Another problem that occurs with Beeby's basic span-effective depth ratios is that they do not match the results of the computer study, i.e., the basic ratio for a simply supported beam of 20 would have a deflection of $\frac{\ell}{185}$ instead of $\frac{\ell}{250}$. Beeby, justifiably, claims that the deflection would be less due to less creep and shrinkage, lower loading and increased stiffness due to finishes and end restraints. Therefore, it is reasonable to say that a ratio of 20 is adequate. Although Beeby's reasoning is sound, there will be errors induced by the approximations of

the above effects.

A comparison between minimum thickness using Beeby's approach and the A23.3 minimum thickness is shown in Figures B.11 and B.12. In order to provide a better comparison, the modification factor Eq. B-23 was used. Figures B.13 and B.14 show the modified Beeby thickness as a fraction of the A23.3 minimum thickness for clear spans of three to ten meters. The thicknesses are almost equal for office loading in the longer clear spans and the larger thicknesses are due to an absolute minimum thickness of 125 mm was used for Beeby's slabs compared to 120 mm, flat plates, or 100 mm, drop panels, for the A23.3 values.

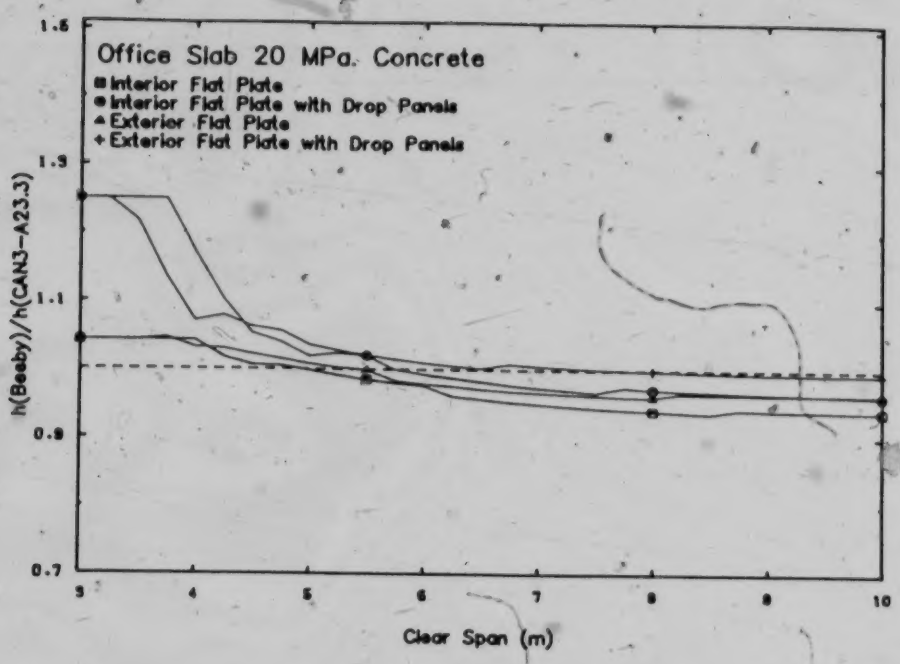

Figure B.13 Comparison of Beeby's and A23.3 Minimum Thickness under Office Loadings

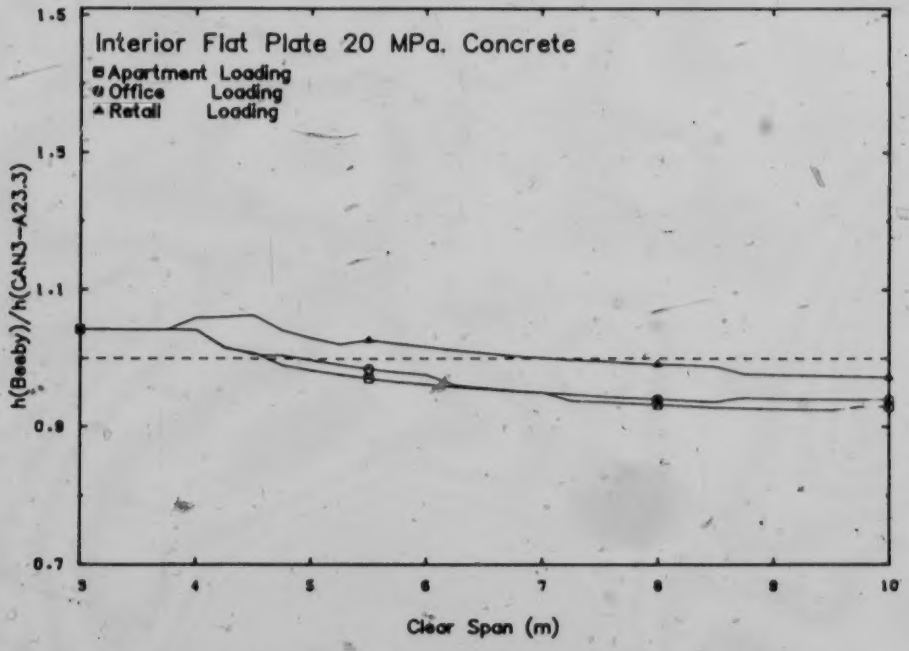

Figure B.14 Comparison of Beeby's and A23.3 Minimum Thicknesses under Different Loadings

Appendix C

Maximum Slab Span-Thickness Equations

C.1 General Equations

Theoretical Span-Thickness equations have been derived to investigate the factors influencing the setting of minimum thicknesses. An attempt has been made to develop all the factors used in the equation theoretically and not to depend on experimental results. The equations were developed using the same approach as Rangan'[8] and Gilbert'[2].

The final equations in Table C.1 (Eq. C-9 and C-120) differ from Gilbert's equations in two areas, I_e and the span. The equations use an I_e calculated using column strip reinforcement instead of an average of the middle and column strips, with a $\frac{d}{h}$ ($\frac{\text{effective depth}}{\text{total thickness}}$) value of .8 rather than .9. The use of column strip reinforcement only simplifies the estimation of I_e for use in the general equation. The value for $\frac{d}{h}$ of 0.9 is not appropriate for slabs. Consider a 125 mm slab, using clear cover of 20 mm and a #10 bar the $\frac{d}{h}$ value is 0.8. This value, 0.8, is more appropriate for slabs. The equations are written in terms of ℓ_n and h versus ℓ_e and d. The use of h instead of d simplifies the use of the equations without any loss of accuracy, and the choice of ℓ_n was felt to provide a realistic value for the span[3].

The equations were derived using four major assumptions.They are:

1. The midpanel deflection of a slab can be found using a crossing beam analogy.
2. The slab will have been subjected to full design loading before the deflections are calculated.

3. The stress distribution through a section of the slab can be modelled as linear for service loads and by the Whitney Stress Block at ultimate loads.
4. The moment distribution in the slab is the same as assumed in the Direct Design Method.

A derivation of a general Span-Thickness Equation for both incremental and total deflections for a concrete slab is presented over the next three pages. Multipliers used in Eq. C-8, C-9, C-10, and C-11 are described in detail later.

These equations have not been checked against the results of the parameter study and should not be used for design purposes.

Span Thickness Equations

$$\Delta_t = \Delta_e + \lambda \Delta_{e,sus} \tag{C-1}$$

$$\Delta_e = \beta \frac{w l^4}{E_c I}$$

Total Deflection

$$\Delta_{tot} = \beta \frac{w_{tot} l^4}{E_c I_1} + \lambda\beta \frac{w_{sus} l^4}{E_c I_2} \tag{C-2}$$

let $$I_e = I_1 = I_2$$

$$\Delta_{tot} = \beta \frac{l^4}{E_c I_e} (w_{tot} + \lambda w_{sus}) \tag{C-3}$$

let $$I_e = \Lambda b h^3$$

$$\Delta_{tot} = \beta \frac{l^4}{E_c \Lambda b h^3} (w_{tot} + \lambda w_{sus}) \tag{C-4}$$

$$\frac{l^3}{h^3} = \frac{\Delta_{tot} \Lambda b E_c}{l\beta (w_{tot} + \lambda w_{sus})}$$

$$\frac{l}{h} = \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[\frac{\Delta_{tot}}{l} \frac{b E_c}{(w_t + \lambda w_{sus})}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \tag{C-5}$$

Incremental Deflection

$$\Delta_{inc} = \beta \frac{w_{tot} l^4}{E_c I_e} + \beta \frac{w_{sus} l^4}{E_c I_e} - \beta \frac{w_{dead} l^4}{E_c I_e} \tag{C-6}$$

$$\frac{l}{h} = \left|\frac{\Lambda}{\beta}\right|^{\frac{1}{3}} \left|\frac{\Delta_{inc}}{l} \frac{b E_c}{(w_l + \lambda w_{sus})}\right|^{\frac{1}{3}} \tag{C-7}$$

If we let

$$a = \frac{\Lambda}{\beta_{simp}}$$

the span-thickness equation can be written as

$$\frac{l}{h} = \left| \frac{\beta_{simp}}{\beta} \right|^{\frac{1}{3}} \left| \frac{\Delta_{inc}}{l} \frac{abE_c}{(w_l + \lambda w_{sus})} \right|^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\frac{l}{h} = \left(\frac{1}{(1.2 \frac{M_m}{M_o} - 0.2)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left| \frac{\Delta_{inc}}{l} \frac{abE_c}{(w_l + \lambda w_{sus})} \right|^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{(C-8)}$$

If we are to use this Equation for two-way slabs, the equations must ensure that at no location is the deflection-span ratio exceeded. Therefore the equations should include a second factor to account for deflections at other locations.

$$\frac{l}{h} = \left(\frac{(1 + \beta_{panel}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left[1 + \left[.6666 \left[\frac{1}{\beta_{panel}} \right]^3 \right] \right]} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{1}{\Psi_{load}(1.2 \frac{M_m}{M_o} - 0.2)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left| \frac{\Delta_{inc}}{l} \frac{abE_c}{(w_l + \lambda w_{sus})} \right|^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{(C-9)}$$

Maximum Slab Span-thickness Equations

$$\frac{l_n}{h} = k_1 k_2 \left[\frac{\Delta_{tot}}{l} \frac{abE_c}{(w_{tot} + \lambda w_{sus})} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{(C-10)}$$

$$\frac{l_n}{h} = k_1 k_2 \left| \frac{\Delta_{inc}}{l} \frac{abE_c}{(w_l + \lambda w_{sus})} \right|^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{(C-11)}$$

where

$$k_1 = \left(\frac{(1+\beta_{panel}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left|1+\left|.6666\left|\frac{1}{\beta_{panel}}\right|^3\right|\right|} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \qquad \text{(C-39)}$$

$$k_2 = \left(\frac{a}{\psi_{load}\left(1.2\frac{M_m}{M_o}-0.2\right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \qquad \text{(C-48)}$$

$$a = \frac{384}{5}(d/h)^3\left|\left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}\right)^3\left(\frac{1}{(d/h)^3}-\left|4k^3+12n\rho(1-k)^2\right|\right)+4k^3+12n\rho(1-k)^2\right| \qquad \text{(C-29)}$$

$$\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} = \left|\frac{1}{(d/h)^2 6}\,\frac{f_r}{\phi_s f_y \rho\left|1-.59\frac{\phi_s f_y}{\phi_c f_c'}\rho\right|}\left(\frac{(a_l\frac{w_l}{w_d}+a_d)}{(\frac{w_l}{w_d}+1)}\right)\right| \qquad \text{(C-25)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{s}{1+50\rho}$$

The accuracy of the span-thickness equations derived are dependent on assumptions used in calculating the Moment of Inertia (I_e), Slab Factor (k_1), Location Factor (k_2), and the long-term deflection multiplier (λ).

C.2 Long-term Multiplier

The λ used in last page is the CAN3 A23.3 equation but research has indicated that this equation underestimates the long-term deflection of concrete slabs. Table C.1 compares the values from the code with the recommended values of Graham and Scanlon'' when $f_e = .30\sqrt{f'_c}$. The values were modified to account for time (Eq. C-13) by adjusting the creep ($\nu_c(t)$) and shrinkage ($\epsilon_{sh}(t)$) values in Eq. C-12 with the time functions recommened by ACI 209[2].

$$\lambda = 2.5 \times \frac{\nu_c(t)}{2.35} + .75 \times \frac{\epsilon_{sh}(t)}{760 \times 10^{-6}} \qquad (C\text{-}12)$$

$$\lambda = 2.5 \times \left(1 - \frac{t^{.6}}{10 + t^{.6}}\right) + .75 \times \left(1 - \frac{t}{35 + t}\right) \qquad (C\text{-}13)$$

when t is time of installation of the partitions in days after the placement of concrete.

The values proposed by Graham and Scanlon are larger than those used in the code, and multipliers of similar magnitude have been proposed. Use of Eq. C-12 is recommended for λ with the Span-Thickness Equations.

Table C.1 Comparison of Long-term Deflection Multipliers

Time of Installation of Partitions	CAN3-A23.3 Code Value λ	Recommended Value of λ
0	2.0	3.25
3	1.0	1.22
6	0.8	0.84
12	0.6	0.62

C.3 Effective Moment of Inertia

The Branson cubic equation[38] for the effective moment of inertia (I_e) can be reduced to a function of six variables as shown on the next two pages. The variables shown in Eq. C-5 are the reinforcement ratio (ρ), concrete strength (f'_c), steel yield strength (f_y), $\frac{d}{h}$, modulus of rupture (f_r) and the ratio of live to dead loads ($\frac{w_l}{w_d}$). k and j were not included in the variables since they are both functions of ρ.

A computer program was written based on Eq. C-5 to investigate the relationships between the six variables and I_e. I_e was found to be insensitive to change in $\frac{w_l}{w_d}$ (Figure C.1). The effect of variation in f'_c on I_e was minimized when f'_c was incorporated as a combined variable with ρ as $\frac{E_s}{E_c}\rho$ or $n\rho$ in calculating I_e (Figure C.2). Values of the last three variables were assumed to simplify the derivation, although in the cases of f_y and $\frac{d}{h}$ relationships can be found demonstrated in Figures C.3 and C.4. The reinforcing was assumed to be 400 MPa and $\frac{d}{h} = 0.8$ for reasons previously stated. The value of f_e was assumed to be $0.30\sqrt{f'_c}$ based on the result of studies by Tam and Scanlon[38] and Graham and Scanlon[39]. Branson's cubic equation can be reduced to Eqs. C-14 and C-15 using these relationships, which allows I_e to be calculated knowing only f'_c and ρ.

$$\Lambda = .0083 + .2n\rho \quad \text{when } n\rho \geq .040 \qquad \text{(C-14)}$$

$$\Lambda = .047 - 1.03n\rho \quad \text{when } n\rho \leq .040 \quad \Lambda > 0.016 \qquad \text{(C-15)}$$

The approximations provide a close estimate of I_e.

Effective Moment of Inertia

$$I_e = \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}\right)^3 I_g + \left|1 - \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}\right)^3\right| I_g \qquad \text{(C-16)}$$

$$I_e = \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}\right)^3 \left|I_g - I_{cr}\right| + I_{cr} \qquad \text{(C-17)}$$

Consider M_a

$$M_a = \rho b d f_s jd \qquad M_f = \Phi_s f_y b d^2 \rho \left|1 - .59 \frac{\Phi_s f_y}{\Phi_c f_c'} \rho\right| \qquad \text{(C-18)}$$

$$M_a = (w_l + w_d)\frac{l^2}{8} \qquad M_f = (a_l w_l + a_d w_d)\frac{l^2}{8} \qquad \text{(C-19)}$$

$$M_a = \frac{(w_l + w_d)}{(a_l w_l + a_d w_d)} M_f \qquad \text{(C-20)}$$

Also

$$M_a = \frac{(w_l + w_d)}{(a_l w_l + a_d w_d)} \Phi_s f_y b d^2 \rho \left|1 - .59 \frac{\Phi_s f_y}{\Phi_c f_c'} \rho\right| \qquad \text{(C-21)}$$

$$j f_s = \frac{(w_l + w_d)}{(a_l w_l + a_d w_d)} \Phi_s f_y \left|1 - .59 \frac{\Phi_s f_y}{\Phi_c f_c'} \rho\right| \qquad \text{(C-22)}$$

$$M_{cr} = \frac{bh^2}{6} f_r = \frac{bd^2}{(d/h)^2 6} f_r \qquad \text{(C-23)}$$

$$\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} = \left| \frac{1}{(d/h)^2 6} \frac{f_r}{\Phi_s f_y \rho \left|1 - .59 \frac{\Phi_s f_y}{\Phi_c f_c'} \rho\right|} \left(\frac{(a_l w_l + a_d w_d)}{(w_l + w_d)}\right) \right| \qquad \text{(C-24)}$$

$$\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} = \left| \frac{1}{(d/h)^2 6} \frac{f_r}{\Phi_s f_y \rho \left| 1 - .59 \frac{\Phi_s f_y}{\Phi_c f'_c} \rho \right|} \left(\frac{(a_l \frac{w_l}{w_d} + a_d)}{(\frac{w_l}{w_d} + 1)} \right) \right| \qquad \text{(C-25)}$$

or for ACI 318-83

$$\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} = \left| \frac{1}{(d/h)^2 6} \frac{f_r}{\Phi f_y \rho \left| 1 - .59 \frac{f_y}{f'_c} \rho \right|} \left(\frac{(a_l \frac{w_l}{w_d} + a_d)}{(\frac{w_l}{w_d} + 1)} \right) \right|$$

$$I_{cr} = \frac{bd^3}{12} \left| 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right|$$

$$I_g = \frac{bd^3}{(d/h)^3 12} \qquad \text{(C-26)}$$

Substituting into I_e

$$I_e = \frac{bd^3}{12} \left| \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{(d/h)^3} - \left| 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \right) + 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \qquad \text{(C-27)}$$

or

$$I_e = (d/h)^3 \frac{bh^3}{12} \left| \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{(d/h)^3} - \left| 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \right) + 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right|$$

Giving us Λ

$$\Lambda = \left| \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{(d/h)^3} - \left| 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \right) + 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \qquad \text{(C-28)}$$

or

$$\Lambda = (d/h)^3 \left| \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a} \right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{(d/h)^3} - \left| 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right| \right) + 4k^3 + 12n\rho(1-k)^2 \right|$$

If we assume $\frac{d}{h} = 0.8$, $f_r = 0.3\sqrt{f'_c}$, and using CAN3-A23.3-M84 we get $\Lambda = .0083 + .2n\rho$ when $n\rho \geq .040$

$\Lambda = .047 - 1.03n\rho$ when $n\rho \leq .040$ but $\Lambda > .016$

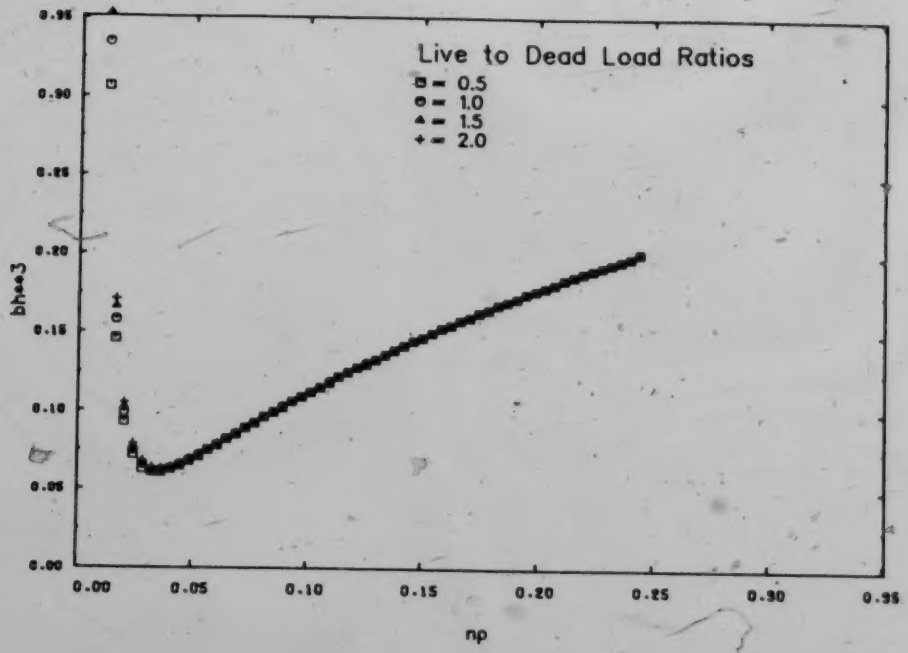

Figure C.1 Effect of Live to Dead load Ratios on I_e

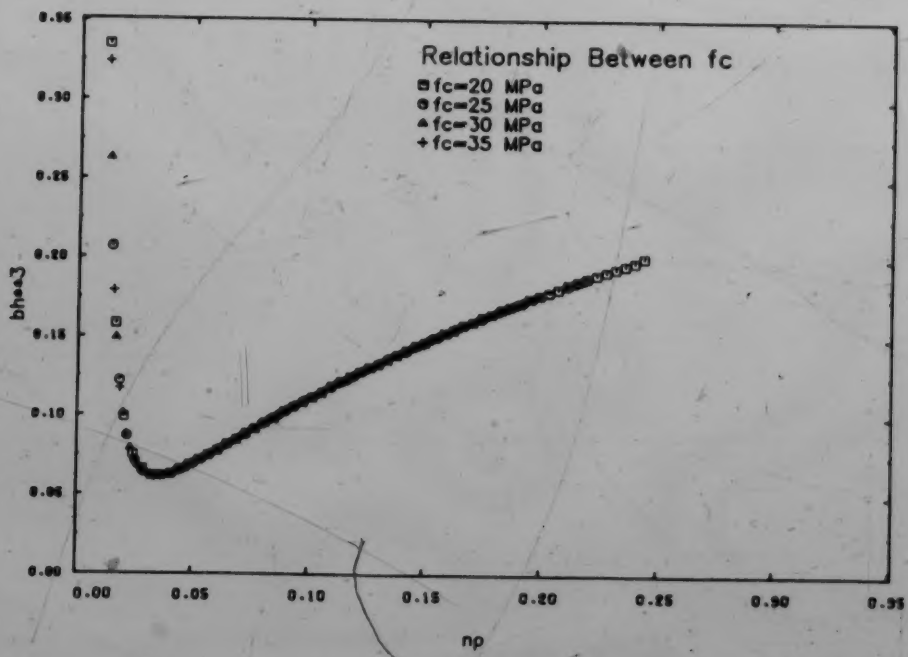

Figure C.2 Effect of Concrete Strength on I_e

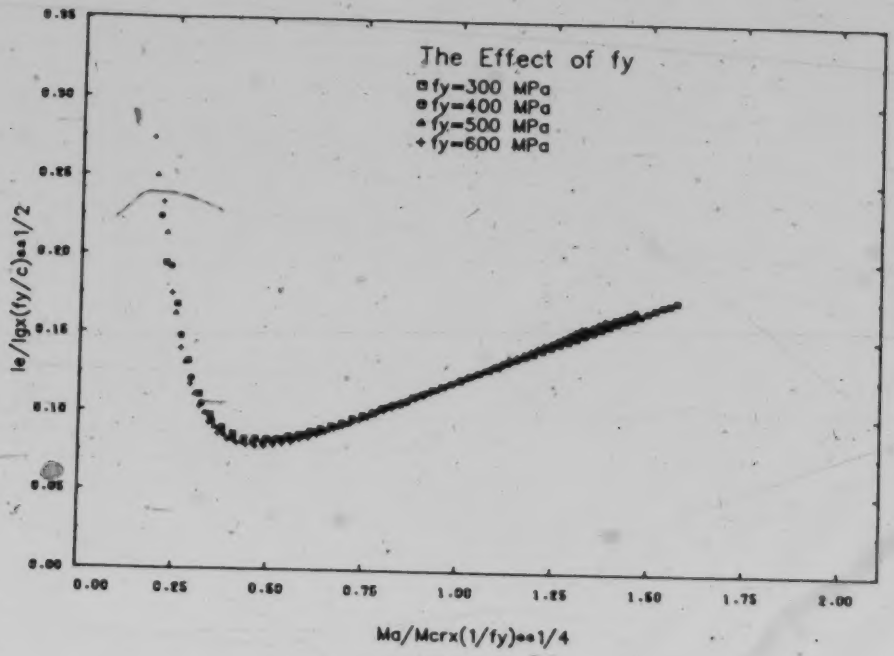

Figure C.3 Effect of Reinforcing Yield Strengths on I_e

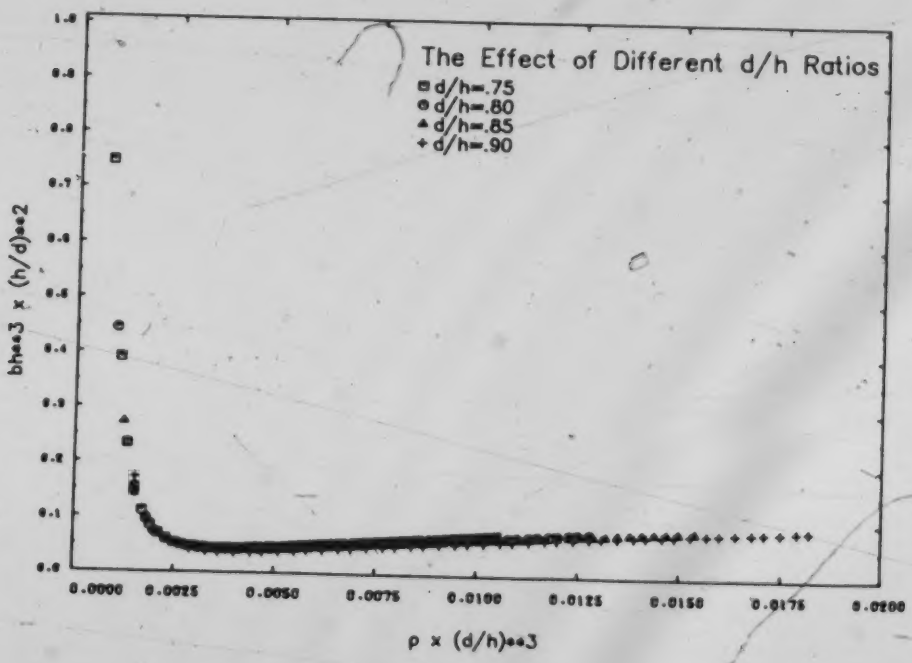

Figure C.4 Effect of $\frac{d}{h}$ ratios on I_e

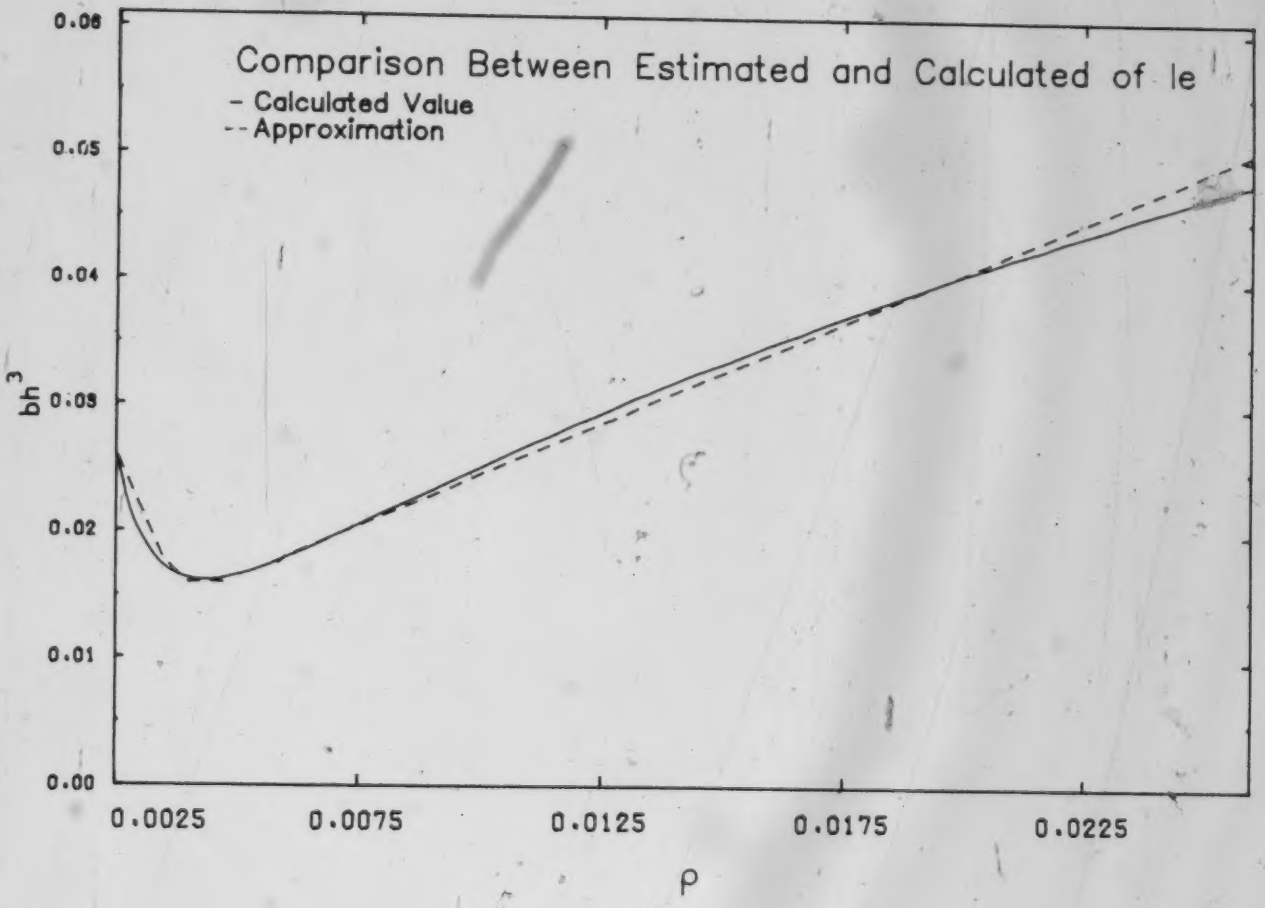

Figure C.5 Approximation of Branson's I_e using $f_e = 0.30\sqrt{f'_c}$

C.4 Slab Factor

The Slab Factor (k_1) derived on the following pages was completed by assuming the slab could be modelled as assumed in the Direct Design Method, and that the Moment of Inertia of the slab column strip was the same as the middle strip.

The crossing beam analogy was used in the derivation. It assumes that the slab middle and column strips can be modelled as wide beams with uniform loads, allowing the midpanel deflection to be calculated by summing the column and middle strip deflections. The magnitude of the uniform loads were calculated using the moment fields from the Direct Design Method. The use of the moment fields from the Direct Design Method should provide a realistic moment distribution, since most slabs are designed using the Direct Design or Equivalent Frame Methods' which have similar moment fields.

The last assumption used was that the middle and column strips would have the same stiffness. If one assumes that all the middle strips will have minimum reinforcement of .25 % and the column strip has typically .3 to .7 % reinforcing steel, Eqs. C-14 and C-15 shows that the column strip will not as stiff. The assumption of similar stiffnesses can thus be considered as conservative.

Slab Factor k_1

If we consider the slab column and middle strips as a number of crossing beams, the middle panel span-deflection ratio can be written in terms of both the column and middle strip span-deflection ratios.

Let

$$Minimum\ Span-Deflection\ ratio = \left|\frac{l}{\delta}\right|_{min}$$

If the column strip span is always longer than the middle strip the spans can be written as

$$l_{col} = l_1 \quad and \quad l_{mid} = \frac{l_1}{\beta_{panel}}$$

Also column and middle deflections can be written as

$$\Delta_{col} = \beta_{col}\frac{w_{col}}{E_c I_{col}} l_1^4 \quad and \quad \Delta_{mid} = \beta_{mid}\frac{w_{mid}}{E_c I_{mid}}\left|\frac{l_1}{\beta_{panel}}\right|^4 \qquad (C\text{-}30)$$

The middle strip deflection can then be written in terms of the column strip deflection

$$\Delta_{mid} = \frac{\Delta_{mid}}{\Delta_{col}}\Delta_{col} \quad which\ is \quad \Delta_{mid} = \left|\frac{\beta_{mid} I_{col} w_{mid}}{\beta_{col} I_{mid} w_{col}}\left|\frac{1}{\beta_{panel}}\right|^4\right|\Delta_{col}$$

and the midpanel deflection can be written in terms of the column strip deflection as well

$$\Delta_{panel} = \Delta_{col} + \Delta_{mid} \qquad \Delta_{panel} = \Delta_{col} + \left|\frac{\beta_{mid} I_{col} w_{mid}}{\beta_{col} I_{mid} w_{col}}\left|\frac{1}{\beta_{panel}}\right|^4\right|\Delta_{col} \qquad (C\text{-}31)$$

Thus span-deflection ratio for the diagonal span can be defined in terms of the column strip deflection and span.

$$\frac{l_{diag}}{\Delta_{panel}} = \frac{(1+\beta_{panel}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left|1+\left|\frac{\beta_{mid} I_{col} w_{mid}}{\beta_{col} I_{mid} w_{col}}\left|\frac{1}{\beta_{panel}}\right|^4\right|\right|}\frac{l_{col}}{\Delta_{col}} \qquad (C\text{-}32)$$

If the slab is not to exceed the span-deflection criterion

$$\frac{l_{col}}{\Delta_{col}} = \frac{\left|1 + \left|\frac{\beta_{mid} I_{col} w_{mid}}{\beta_{col} I_{mid} w_{col}}\right| \left|\frac{1}{\beta_{panel}}\right|^4\right|}{(1+\beta_{panel}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left|\frac{l}{\delta}\right|_{min} \geq \left|\frac{l}{\delta}\right|_{min} \qquad \text{(C-33)}$$

If we consider the slab moment distribution as assumed in the Direct Design Method, the load and deflection in the column strip for an interior span will be:

$$M_e = .75 \times .65 \frac{w l_1}{\beta_{panel}} \frac{l_1^2}{8}$$

$$M_m = .60 \times .35 \frac{w l_1}{\beta_{panel}} \frac{l_1^2}{8}$$

Therefore the total moment will be

$$M_o = (.75 \times .65 + .60 \times .35) \frac{w l_1}{\beta_{panel}} \frac{l_1^2}{8}$$

This allows us to write load in the column strip as,

$$w_{col} = .6975 \frac{w l_1}{\beta_{panel}} \qquad \text{(C-34)}$$

and the deflection coefficient is (see k_2)

$$\beta_{col} = .1613 \beta_{simp} \qquad \text{(C-35)}$$

Similarly this can be done in the middle strip

$$M_e = .25 \times .65\, w l_1 \frac{l_1^2}{8} \left|\frac{1}{\beta_{panel}}\right|^2$$

$$M_m = .40 \times .35\, w l_1 \frac{l_1^2}{8} \left|\frac{1}{\beta_{panel}}\right|^2$$

Therefore the total moment will be,

$$M_o = (.25 \times .65 + .40 \times .35) w l_1 \frac{l_1^2}{8} \left| \frac{1}{\beta_{panel}} \right|^2$$

the load in the middle strip,

$$w_{mid} = .3025\, w l_1 \qquad \text{(C-36)}$$

and the deflection coefficient is equal to

$$\beta_{mid} = .3554\, \beta_{simp} \qquad \text{(C-37)}$$

If we conservatively assume that I_{mid} is equal to I_{col}, the span-deflection criterion can be written in terms of the design load and panel aspect ratio.

$$\frac{l_{col}}{\Delta_{col}} = \frac{\left| 1 + \left| \dfrac{.3025\, w l_1 .3554\, \beta_{simp}}{\dfrac{w l_1}{\beta_{panel}} .6975 .1613\, \beta_{simp}} \left| \dfrac{1}{\beta_{panel}} \right|^4 \right| \right|}{(1 + \beta_{panel}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left| \frac{l}{\delta} \right|_{min} \geq \left| \frac{l}{\delta} \right|_{min} \qquad \text{(C-38)}$$

which reduces to

$$\frac{l_{col}}{\Delta_{col}} = \frac{\left| 1 + \left| .6666 \left| \dfrac{1}{\beta_{panel}} \right|^3 \right| \right|}{(1 + \beta_{panel}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left| \frac{l}{\delta} \right|_{max} \geq \left| \frac{l}{\delta} \right|_{max}$$

This relationship is used in the span-thickness equation when using the deflection-span ratio and is included as k_1

$$k_1 = \left(\frac{(1 + \beta_{panel}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left| 1 + \left| .6666 \left| \dfrac{1}{\beta_{panel}} \right|^3 \right| \right|} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \leq 1.0 \qquad \text{(C-39)}$$

C.5 Location Factor

This factor (k_2) is derived from an elastic beam deflection equation, as was done by Rangan. The derivation was extended to put the midspan deflection in terms of the positive midspan moment.

An additional factor, Ψ_{load}, has been included in k_2 to account for varying loads and material properties of the slab at different locations. The different loads were calculated using the Direct Design moment fields to estimate an equivalent unit load on the column strip, allowing the use of the design loads. For example if sixty percent of the design load is influencing the column strip, a factor of 1.2 (60 % of the load divided by 50 % of the width) would be used. A factor of 1.50 was used in the case of a simply supported two-way slab, and this was calculated using the Hillerborg strip method and assuming the load would disperse equally in both directions. The second part of calculating Ψ_{load} is evaluating any change in material properties. The only material property considered was shrinkage. It was assumed that different minimum values of I_e due to f_e should be used in different locations. This derivation assumed f_e would equal $.30\sqrt{f'_c}$ for interior spans, $.45\sqrt{f'_c}$ for exterior spans and simply supported slabs. All the variables discussed in this section are summarized in Table C.2 along with the recommended values for k_2.

Location Factor k_2

If we consider a simply supported beam with end moments, the midspan deflection can be written as

$$\Delta = \frac{5}{48}\frac{M_o l^2}{EI} - \frac{(M_l + M_r)}{16}\frac{l^2}{EI} \qquad \text{(C-40)}$$

Therefore

$$\Delta = \frac{l^2}{48EI}(5M_o - 3(M_l + M_r))$$

This can be rewritten as

$$\Delta = \frac{5l^2}{48EI}(M_o - .6(M_l + M_r)) \qquad \text{(C-41)}$$

which is the equation that Rangan'[9] used in his Span-Effective Depth formulation. We can extend the deflection equation with the following relationship between the moments.

$$M_o = \frac{(M_l + M_r)}{2} + M_m \qquad \text{(C-42)}$$

$$(M_l + M_r) = 2(M_o - M_m)$$

This gives us

$$\Delta = \frac{5l^2}{48EI}(M_o - 1.2(M_o - M_m)) \qquad \text{(C-43)}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{5l^2 M_o}{48EI}(1.2\frac{M_m}{M_o} - 0.2) \qquad \text{(C-44)}$$

but

$$M_o = \frac{wl^2}{8}$$

Therefore

$$\Delta = \frac{5wl^4}{384EI}\left(1.2\frac{M_m}{M_o} - 0.2\right) \qquad \text{(C-45)}$$

$$\Delta = \beta_{simp}\left(1.2\frac{M_m}{M_o} - 0.2\right)\frac{wl^4}{EI} \qquad \text{(C-46)}$$

Therefore

$$\beta = \beta_{simp}\left(1.2\frac{M_m}{M_o} - 0.2\right) \qquad \text{(C-47)}$$

This relationship is used in the Span-Thickness equation as k_2

$$k_2 = \left(\frac{1}{\Psi_{load}\left(1.2\frac{M_m}{M_o} - 0.2\right)}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \qquad \text{(C-48)}$$

Table C.2 Values used in Location Factor

	Simply Supported	Exterior Span	Interior Span
Ψ_{load}			
$*f_e$	$\frac{1}{1.42}$	$\frac{1}{1.42}$	1.0
Load	1.5	1.43	1.40
Total Factor	1.06	1.01	1.40
$\frac{M_m}{M_o}$	1.00	0.45	0.30
$1.2 \frac{M_m}{M_o} - 0.2$	1.00	0.45	0.16
k_2	0.98	1.42	1.65
k_2 with a included	1.08	1.56	1.81

Notes:

1.The moments are calculated from the Direct Design Method

2.The a value included with k_2 is the minimum value $(.016 \times \frac{384}{5})$

* ratio of minimum value of I_e using different f_e values

Appendix D

Construction

Shoring Load Ratios

Grundy's and Kabaila's[24] method of analysis presented in 1960 uses construction load ratios (R). These ratios were calculated assuming one shoring sequence. The order of operations assumed was:

1. Erect shores and formwork on new level and cast slab.
2. Strip the formwork and shores on the lowest level of shoring and in the case where reshores are used , reshore that level.
3. When reshoring is used, remove the lowest level of reshores.

Repeat Step 1

The analysis calculated the load ratios by distributing the weight of the floor cast to the supporting floors using the stiffnesses of the slabs. In their analysis Grundy and Kabaila assumed the ground level to be rigid and therefore until the shoring is above the ground floor none of the slabs take any load. The loads are then allocated to the floors as follows;

1. Allocate the weight of the slab cast in step 1 to the supporting floors so each floor deflect the same amount.
2. Allocate the load in the lowest level of shores to the floors above so they have equal deflections when the shores are removed in step 2. The floors below these shores, when reshoring is used, will rebound upward and these floors will only be supporting their own weight.

Repeat the first calculation .

If the slab thicknesses are assumed equal the loads will be proportioned according to the floor's Modulus of Elasticity (E_c). In this thesis a seven day construction cycle was assumed. Table D.1 shows the calculated Modulus of Elasticity of the floors at different times compared to that of E_c at twenty eight days and the values in Table D.1 were used to calculate the load ratios.

Table D.2 provides the maximum load ratios for a series of shoring systems. The Table illustrates that the the load ratios are history dependent with the ratios fluctuating on the lower floors and converging to a constant ratio at higher levels. In this thesis only the converged value of the load ratio was considered. In cases of a 2 + 1 and 2 + 3 shoring systems, these values will be valid for any floor above the sixth level (2 + 1) and the ninth level (2 + 3).

ACI Committee 347 recommends[3] Eq. D-1 be used to insure the slab's capacity.

$$w_{con} \leq \frac{w_{ult}}{F.S.} \times \frac{f_c(t)}{f'_c} \qquad \text{(D-1)}$$

where w_{con} =maximum load imposed on the slab during construction.

$=1.1 \times 1.1 \times R_{max} \times w_{slab} + 2.4$ or 3.6 kPa

$f_c(t)$ =strength of the concrete at the time when w_{con} occurs, t is the time in days

w_{slab} =weight of slab

w_{ult} =ultimate design load

F.S. =the factor of safety, 1.4 is recommended.

Table D.1 Modulus of Elasticity of Concrete at Different Ages

Age	$\frac{E_c(t)}{E_c(28)}$
7	0.84
14	0.94
21	0.98
28	1.00
35	1.02

Note:
The Age is the number of days since placement of concrete

Table D.2 Construction Shoring Load Ratios for Different Shoring Systems

Floor Level	Load Ratio			
	(2 + 0)	(2 + 1)	(2 + 2)	(2 + 3)
G	-	-	-	-
1	1.52	1.36	1.28	1.22
2	2.28	1.86	1.28	1.22
3	1.92	1.76	1.78	1.22
4	2.09	1.81	1.63	1.73
5	2.01	1.78	1.70	1.56
6	2.05	1.79	1.67	1.64
7	2.03	1.79	1.69	1.60
8	2.04	1.79	1.69	1.62
9	2.04	1.79	1.69	1.61
10	2.04	1.79	1.69	1.61
11	2.04	1.79	1.69	1.61
12	2.04	1.79	1.69	1.61

Notes:
1) The shoring systems are designated by;
   (No. of Shores + No. of Reshores)
2) The load ratios were calculated using a varying E_c

Appendix E

Parameter Study Results

The complete results of the parameter study are tabulated in Table E.1 on the next page. The table list the minimum calculated span deflection ratios for the 344 simulations evaluated. The table includes the slab designation, span deflection ratios for total, incremental, live load, and construction load deflections. Their locations are also shown. The parameters evaluated in each simulation are described by the slab designation. The parameters are described in the following manner.

AA:BBB:CCC:DDD:EE:FF:GG

where AA slab type

FP Flat Plate

BP Flat Plate with edge beams

DP Flat Slab with drop panels

VP Flat Slab with drop panels of various thicknesses

BBB slab thickness(mm); $.90h_m$, h_m, $1.10h_m$

FP 160,175,195

BP 145,160,175

DP 170,190,210

VP 170,190,210

CCC geometric properties

FP-aspect ratio; 1.0,1.5,2.0

DP-aspect ratio; 1.0,1.5,2.0

(thickness of drop panels below slab:0.25)

BP-stiffness ratio of edge beam and slab; 0.8,2.0,3.0 (aspect ratio equal to 1.0 in all cases)

VP-relative thickness of drop panel below slab; 0.50,0.75 (aspect ratio equal to 1.0 in all cases)

DDD service live load (kPa); 1.9, 2.4, 4.8

EE concrete strength (MPa); 20, 30

FF effective modulus of rupture multiplier of f_e; 0.60,0.30

GG construction load -A, load from 2+3 shoring system
-B, load from 2+1 shoring system

The construction span-deflection ratios in table E.1 are the results of the finite element program described in chapter 3 and is included to allow for further simulation of different load histories after the shoring loads are removed. The ratios bracketted in Table E.1 exceed the CAN3 A23.3 Deflection Limits and for total deflection $\frac{\ell_n}{240}$. Figure E.1 indicates the location of the minimum span-deflection ratios listed in the table.

Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios

Slab Designation	Loc.	ln / Δ l	ln / Δ inc	ln / Δ tot	ln / Δ con
FP:145:1.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	1547	(239)	(103)	285
FP:145:1.0:1.9:20:.6:A	9	3263	504	(217)	600
FP:145:1.0:1.9:30:.6:A	9	2022	(312)	(134)	372
FP:145:1.0:1.9:30:.6:A	7	5127	792	341	943
FP:145:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	1224	(230)	(101)	285
FP:145:1.0:2.4:20:.6:A	9	2583	484	(213)	600
FP:145:1.0:2.4:30:.6:A	9	1601	(300)	(132)	372
FP:145:1.0:2.4:30:.6:A	7	4059	761	335	943
FP:160:1.0:1.9:20:.3:A	9	2187	(325)	(137)	367
FP:160:1.0:1.9:20:.6:A	10	5053	751	317	847
FP:160:1.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	2909	(433)	(183)	488
FP:160:1.0:1.9:30:.6:A	9	7499	1115	471	1257
FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A	9	1732	(313)	(135)	367
FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.6:A	10	4000	723	312	847
FP:160:1.0:2.4:30:.3:A	12	2303	(416)	(180)	488
FP:160:1.0:2.4:30:.6:A	9	5937	1073	463	1257
FP:160:1.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	852	(298)	(146)	439
FP:160:1.5:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3108	517	(221)	595
FP:160:1.5:1.9:20:.6:A	4	7928	1319	564	1518
FP:160:1.5:1.9:30:.3:A	3	4350	724	309	833
FP:160:1.5:1.9:30:.6:A	4	10603	1764	754	2030
FP:160:1.5:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2461	496	(217)	595
FP:160:1.5:2.4:20:.6:A	4	6276	1264	553	1518
FP:160:1.5:2.4:30:.3:A	3	3443	694	304	833
FP:160:1.5:2.4:30:.6:A	4	8394	1691	740	2030
FP:160:1.5:4.8:20:.3:A	10	1331	(466)	(227)	686
FP:160:1.5:4.8:20:.6:A	4	3013	1054	515	1552
FP:160:1.5:4.8:30:.3:A	3	1820	636	311	937
FP:160:1.5:4.8:30:.6:A	4	3975	1390	679	2048
FP:160:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3342	586	252	682
FP:160:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	4	8462	1484	638	1726
FP:160:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	3	4428	776	334	903
FP:160:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2646	560	247	682
FP:160:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	4	6699	1418	625	1726
FP:160:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	3	3506	742	327	903
FP:160:2.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	1517	531	259	781
FP:160:2.0:4.8:20:.6:A	4	3436	1202	587	1770
FP:160:2.0:4.8:30:.3:A	10	1969	689	336	1014
FP:175:1.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3063	(439)	(182)	471
FP:175:1.0:1.9:20:.6:A	9	7591	1089	452	1168
FP:175:1.0:1.9:30:.3:A	9	4370	627	260	672
FP:175:1.0:1.9:30:.6:A	9	10323	1481	615	1588
FP:175:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2425	(424)	(180)	471

* see Figure E.1 for location of minimum span-deflection ratio

Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios continued

Slab Designation	Loc.	$\frac{ln}{\Delta l}$	$\frac{ln}{\Delta inc}$	$\frac{ln}{\Delta tot}$	$\frac{ln}{\Delta con}$
FP:175:1.0:2.4:20:.6:A	9	6010	1050	445	1168
FP:175:1.0:2.4:30:.3:A	9	3459	604	256	672
FP:175:1.0:2.4:30:.6:A	9	8172	1428	606	1588
FP:175:1.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	1176	(400)	(192)	556
FP:175:1.5:1.9:20:.3:A	10	4328	695	292	761
FP:175:1.5:1.9:20:.6:A	4	10862	1745	733	1910
FP:175:1.5:1.9:30:.3:A	3	6502	1045	439	1143
FP:175:1.5:1.9:30:.6:A	4	14375	2310	970	2527
FP:175:1.5:2.4:20:.3:A	10	3426	667	287	761
FP:175:1.5:2.4:20:.6:A	4	8599	1675	720	1910
FP:175:1.5:2.4:30:.3:A	3	5147	1002	431	1143
FP:175:1.5:2.4:30:.6:A	4	11380	2216	953	2527
FP:175:1.5:4.8:20:.3:A	10	1818	618	296	860
FP:175:1.5:4.8:20:.6:A	4	4099	1395	668	1939
FP:175:1.5:4.8:30:.3:A	3	2658	904	433	1257
FP:175:1.5:4.8:30:.6:A	4	5384	1832	878	2547
FP:175:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	4552	771	326	852
FP:175:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	4	11744	1989	841	2199
FP:175:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	4	6274	1063	449	1175
FP:175:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	3604	738	320	852
FP:175:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	4	9298	1904	825	2199
FP:175:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	4	4967	1017	441	1175
FP:175:2.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	2038	693	332	964
FP:175:2.0:4.8:20:.6:A	4	4706	1601	767	2226
FP:175:2.0:4.8:30:.3:A	10	2767	941	451	1309
FP:195:1.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	4577	628	256	635
FP:195:1.0:1.9:20:.6:A	9	11359	1558	635	1576
FP:195:1.0:1.9:30:.3:A	9	6937	952	388	962
FP:195:1.0:1.9:30:.6:A	9	15219	2088	851	2111
FP:195:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	3623	606	252	635
FP:195:1.0:2.4:20:.6:A	9	8993	1504	626	1576
FP:195:1.0:2.4:30:.3:A	9	5492	919	382	962
FP:195:1.0:2.4:30:.6:A	9	12048	2016	838	2111
FP:195:1.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	1727	568	266	737
FP:195:1.5:1.9:20:.3:A	10	6837	1051	433	1084
FP:195:1.5:1.9:20:.6:A	4	15928	2449	1009	2525
FP:195:1.5:1.9:30:.3:A	4	10526	1619	667	1669
FP:195:1.5:1.9:30:.6:A	4	21035	3235	1333	3334
FP:195:1.5:2.4:20:.3:A	10	5413	1011	426	1084
FP:195:1.5:2.4:20:.6:A	4	12609	2354	993	2525
FP:195:1.5:2.4:30:.3:A	4	8333	1556	656	1669
FP:195:1.5:2.4:30:.6:A	4	16653	3109	1311	3334
FP:195:1.5:4.8:20:.3:A	10	2757	906	425	1176

* see Figure E.1 for location of minimum span-deflection ratio

Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios continued

Slab Designation	Loc.	ln / Δ l	ln / Δ inc	ln / Δ tot	ln / Δ con
FP:195:1.5:4.8:20:.6:A	4	5967	1961	919	2545
FP:195:1.5:4.8:30:.3:A	4	4205	1382	648	1793
FP:195:1.5:4.8:30:.6:A	4	7831	2573	1206	3340
FP:195:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	6803	1103	457	1148
FP:195:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	4	17100	2773	1149	2887
FP:195:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	4	11203	1817	753	1891
FP:195:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	5385	1058	449	1148
FP:195:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	4	13537	2660	1129	2887
FP:195:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	4	8869	1743	740	1891
FP:195:2.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	2944	967	453	1255
FP:195:2.0:4.8:20:.6:A	4	6806	2237	1048	2903
FP:195:2.0:4.8:30:.3:A	10	4714	1549	726	2010
BP:145:0.8:1.9:20:.3:A	10	1786	(276)	(119)	329
BP:145:0.8:1.9:20:.6:A	8	4030	622	268	741
BP:145:0.8:1.9:30:.3:A	12	2305	(356)	(153)	424
BP:145:0.8:1.9:30:.6:A	12	5802	896	385	1067
BP:145:0.8:2.4:20:.3:A	10	1414	(265)	(117)	329
BP:145:0.8:2.4:20:.6:A	8	3190	598	263	741
BP:145:0.8:2.4:30:.3:A	10	1825	(342)	(151)	424
BP:145:0.8:2.4:30:.6:A	12	4593	861	379	1067
BP:145:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	1777	(274)	(118)	327
BP:145:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	8	4080	630	271	751
BP:145:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	2398	(370)	(159)	441
BP:145:2.0:1.9:30:.6:A	12	5832	901	387	1073
BP:145:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	1407	(264)	(116)	327
BP:145:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	8	3230	606	266	751
BP:145:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	10	1898	(356)	(157)	441
BP:145:2.0:2.4:30:.6:A	12	4617	866	381	1073
BP:145:3.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	1759	(272)	(117)	324
BP:145:3.0:1.9:20:.6:A	8	4091	632	272	753
BP:145:3.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	2417	(373)	(161)	445
BP:145:3.0:1.9:30:.6:A	12	5831	900	387	1073
BP:145:3.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	1392	(261)	(115)	324
BP:145:3.0:2.4:20:.6:A	8	3239	607	267	753
BP:145:3.0:2.4:30:.3:A	10	1914	(359)	(158)	445
BP:145:3.0:2.4:30:.6:A	12	4616	865	381	1073
BP:160:0.8:1.9:20:.3:A	10	2435	(362)	(153)	408
BP:160:0.8:1.9:20:.6:A	8	5794	862	364	971
BP:160:0.8:1.9:30:.3:A	12	3235	481	(203)	542
BP:160:0.8:1.9:30:.6:A	12	8077	1201	507	1353
BP:160:0.8:2.4:20:.3:A	10	1928	(349)	(150)	408
BP:160:0.8:2.4:20:.6:A	8	4587	829	358	971
BP:160:0.8:2.4:30:.3:A	12	2561	(463)	(200)	542

* see Figure E.1 for location of minimum span-deflection ratio

Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios continued

Slab Designation	Loc.	ln / Δ l	ln / Δ inc	ln / Δ tot	ln / Δ con
BP:160:0.8:2.4:30:.6:A	12	6394	1156	499	1353
BP:160:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	2480	(369)	(156)	416
BP:160:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	12	5850	870	367	980
BP:160:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	3368	501	(211)	564
BP:160:2.0:1.9:30:.6:A	12	8014	1192	503	1343
BP:160:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	1963	(355)	(153)	416
BP:160:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	12	4631	837	361	980
BP:160:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	10	2667	482	(208)	564
BP:160:2.0:2.4:30:.6:A	12	6344	1147	495	1343
BP:160:3.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	2472	(368)	(155)	414
BP:160:3.0:1.9:20:.6:A	12	5837	868	366	978
BP:160:3.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	3394	505	(213)	569
BP:160:3.0:1.9:30:.6:A	12	7994	1189	502	1339
BP:160:3.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	1957	(354)	(153)	414
BP:160:3.0:2.4:20:.6:A	12	4621	835	360	978
BP:160:3.0:2.4:30:.3:A	10	2687	486	(210)	569
BP:160:3.0:2.4:30:.6:A	12	6328	1144	494	1339
BP:175:0.8:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3318	(476)	(198)	511
BP:175:0.8:1.9:20:.6:A	12	8217	1179	490	1264
BP:175:0.8:1.9:30:.3:A	12	4987	716	297	767
BP:175:0.8:1.9:30:.6:A	12	10935	1569	651	1682
BP:175:0.8:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2627	(459)	(195)	511
BP:175:0.8:2.4:20:.6:A	12	6505	1136	482	1264
BP:175:0.8:2.4:30:.3:A	12	3948	690	293	767
BP:175:0.8:2.4:30:.6:A	12	8657	1512	641	1682
BP:175:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3414	490	(203)	525
BP:175:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	12	8187	1175	488	1260
BP:175:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	5102	732	304	785
BP:175:2.0:1.9:30:.6:A	12	10841	1556	646	1668
BP:175:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2703	(472)	(200)	525
BP:175:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	12	6481	1132	480	1260
BP:175:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	10	4039	706	299	785
BP:175:2.0:2.4:30:.6:A	12	8583	1499	636	1668
BP:175:3.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3443	494	(205)	530
BP:175:3.0:1.9:20:.6:A	12	8185	1175	488	1259
BP:175:3.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	5120	735	305	788
BP:175:3.0:1.9:30:.6:A	12	10814	1552	644	1664
BP:175:3.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2726	(476)	(202)	530
BP:175:3.0:2.4:20:.6:A	12	6480	1132	480	1259
BP:175:3.0:2.4:30:.3:A	10	4053	708	300	788
BP:175:3.0:2.4:30:.6:A	12	8561	1495	634	1664
DP:170:1.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	2247	(301)	(125)	323
DP:170:1.0:1.9:20:.6:A	9	5155	690	286	741

* see Figure E.1 for location of minimum span-deflection ratio

Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios continued

Slab Designation	Loc.	ln / Δ l	ln / Δ inc	ln / Δ tot	ln / Δ con
DP:170:1.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	2757	(369)	(153)	397
DP:170:1.0:1.9:30:.6:A	9	7425	993	411	1068
DP:170:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	1779	(290)	(123)	323
DP:170:1.0:2.4:20:.6:A	9	4081	666	282	741
DP:170:1.0:2.4:30:.3:A	12	2183	(356)	(151)	397
DP:170:1.0:2.4:30:.6:A	9	5878	960	406	1068
DP:170:1.5:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3053	(456)	(191)	499
DP:170:1.5:1.9:20:.6:A	3	6994	1044	437	1142
DP:170:1.5:1.9:30:.3:A	3	3882	579	243	634
DP:170:1.5:1.9:30:.6:A	3	9923	1481	620	1621
DP:170:1.5:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2417	(438)	(188)	499
DP:170:1.5:2.4:20:.6:A	3	5537	1004	430	1142
DP:170:1.5:2.4:30:.3:A	3	3073	558	(239)	634
DP:170:1.5:2.4:30:.6:A	3	7856	1425	610	1621
DP:170:1.5:4.8:20:.3:A	10	1170	(402)	(194)	569
DP:170:1.5:4.8:20:.6:A	3	2467	847	408	1200
DP:170:1.5:4.8:30:.3:A	3	1477	507	245	718
DP:170:1.5:4.8:30:.6:A	3	3398	1167	563	1652
DP:170:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3057	494	(209)	549
DP:170:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	4	7251	1172	495	1301
DP:170:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	3	3746	605	256	672
DP:170:2.0:1.9:30:.6:A	4	10410	1682	710	1868
DP:170:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2420	(474)	(205)	549
DP:170:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	4	5740	1124	486	1301
DP:170:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	3	2965	581	251	672
DP:170:2.0:2.4:30:.6:A	4	8241	1614	698	1868
DP:170:2.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	1288	(442)	(213)	626
DP:170:2.0:4.8:20:.6:A	4	2769	951	458	1347
DP:170:2.0:4.8:30:.3:A	3	1568	538	260	762
DP:170:2.0:4.8:30:.6:A	4	3898	1338	645	1895
DP:190:1.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	3107	(397)	(161)	402
DP:190:1.0:1.9:20:.6:A	9	7994	1021	415	1034
DP:190:1.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	4019	513	(208)	520
DP:190:1.0:1.9:30:.6:A	9	11098	1417	576	1435
DP:190:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	2460	(384)	(159)	402
DP:190:1.0:2.4:20:.6:A	9	6329	988	409	1034
DP:190:1.0:2.4:30:.3:A	12	3181	497	(206)	520
DP:190:1.0:2.4:30:.6:A	9	8786	1372	568	1435
DP:190:1.5:1.9:20:.3:A	10	4327	617	253	636
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DP:190:1.5:1.9:30:.3:A	4	5548	791	325	815
DP:190:1.5:1.9:30:.6:A	4	14943	2131	874	2195
DP:190:1.5:2.4:20:.3:A	10	3425	595	249	636

* see Figure E.1 for location of minimum span-deflection ratio

Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios continued

Slab Designation	Loc.	ln / Δ l	ln / Δ inc	ln / Δ tot	ln / Δ con
DP:190:1.5:2.4:20:.6:A	4	8507	1477	619	1578
DP:190:1.5:2.4:30:.3:A	4	4392	763	320	815
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DP:190:1.5:4.8:20:.3:A	3	1594	528	249	697
DP:190:1.5:4.8:20:.6:A	10	3719	1233	581	1626
DP:190:1.5:4.8:30:.3:A	4	2062	683	322	902
DP:190:1.5:4.8:30:.6:A	4	5067	1679	791	2216
DP:190:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	4362	674	279	704
DP:190:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	4	10954	1692	700	1768
DP:190:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	4	5475	846	350	884
DP:190:2.0:1.9:30:.6:A	4	15560	2404	994	2511
DP:190:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	3453	648	274	704
DP:190:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	4	8672	1627	689	1768
DP:190:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	4	4334	813	344	884
DP:190:2.0:2.4:30:.6:A	4	12318	2311	978	2511
DP:190:2.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	1766	585	276	772
DP:190:2.0:4.8:20:.6:A	4	4145	1374	647	1812
DP:190:2.0:4.8:30:.3:A	4	2173	720	339	950
DP:190:2.0:4.8:30:.6:A	4	5774	1914	902	2525
DP:210:1.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	4338	531	(212)	510
DP:210:1.0:1.9:20:.6:A	9	11513	1408	563	1352
DP:210:1.0:1.9:30:.3:A	12	6274	768	307	737
DP:210:1.0:1.9:30:.6:A	9	15833	1937	774	1860
DP:210:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	3434	514	(209)	510
DP:210:1.0:2.4:20:.6:A	9	9114	1365	555	1352
DP:210:1.0:2.4:30:.3:A	12	4967	744	303	737
DP:210:1.0:2.4:30:.6:A	9	12534	1877	764	1860
DP:210:1.5:1.9:20:.3:A	10	5898	806	325	787
DP:210:1.5:1.9:20:.6:A	4	15337	2096	846	2046
DP:210:1.5:1.9:30:.3:A	4	8477	1159	467	1131
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DP:210:1.5:2.4:30:.3:A	4	6711	1119	461	1131
DP:210:1.5:2.4:30:.6:A	4	16920	2820	1161	2852
DP:210:1.5:4.8:20:.3:A	10	2275	729	337	903
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DP:210:1.5:4.8:30:.3:A	4	3216	1031	476	1277
DP:210:1.5:4.8:30:.6:A	4	7231	2318	1070	2872
DP:210:2.0:1.9:20:.3:A	10	6029	893	363	884
DP:210:2.0:1.9:20:.6:A	4	16023	2374	965	2349
DP:210:2.0:1.9:30:.3:A	3	8780	1301	529	1287
DP:210:2.0:1.9:30:.6:A	4	22379	3316	1348	3281

* see Figure E.1 for location of minimum span-deflection ratio

Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios continued

Slab Designation	Loc.	ln / Δ l	ln / Δ inc	ln / Δ tot	ln / Δ con
DP:210:2.0:2.4:20:.3:A	10	4773	860	358	884
DP:210:2.0:2.4:20:.6:A	4	12685	2286	950	2349
DP:210:2.0:2.4:30:.3:A	3	6951	1253	521	1287
DP:210:2.0:2.4:30:.6:A	4	17717	3192	1327	3281
DP:210:2.0:4.8:20:.3:A	10	2431	780	360	966
DP:210:2.0:4.8:20:.6:A	4	5988	1920	886	2378
DP:210:2.0:4.8:30:.3:A	3	3446	1105	510	1369
DP:210:2.0:4.8:30:.6:A	4	8275	2653	1225	3286
VP:170:.50:1.9:20:.3:A	12	2799	(374)	(155)	403
VP:170:.50:1.9:20:.6:A	10	7242	969	401	1042
VP:170:.50:1.9:30:.3:A	12	3634	486	(201)	523
VP:170:.50:2.4:20:.3:A	12	2216	(362)	(153)	403
VP:170:.50:2.4:20:.6:A	10	5733	936	395	1042
VP:170:.50:2.4:30:.3:A	12	2877	(470)	(198)	523
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VP:170:.75:2.4:20:.3:A	12	2795	(456)	(193)	508
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VP:210:.75:1.9:30:.3:A	9	16231	1986	793	1907
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* see Figure E.1 for location of minimum span-deflection ratio

Minimum Span-Deflection Ratios continued

Slab Designation	Loc.*	ln / Δ l	ln / Δ inc	ln / Δ tot	ln / Δ con
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FP:160:1.0:1.9:20:.3:B	9	2044	(304)	(125)	317
FP:160:1.0:1.9:20:.6:B	10	4500	670	275	698
FP:160:1.0:1.9:30:.3:B	12	2646	(394)	(161)	410
FP:160:1.0:1.9:30:.6:B	9	7097	1056	433	1100
FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:B	9	1618	(293)	(123)	317
FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.6:B	10	3563	644	270	698
FP:160:1.0:2.4:30:.3:B	12	2095	(379)	(159)	410
FP:160:1.0:2.4:30:.6:B	9	5618	1016	426	1100
FP:160:1.5:1.9:20:.3:B	10	2941	490	(203)	521
FP:160:1.5:1.9:20:.6:B	4	7262	1209	502	1286
FP:160:1.5:2.4:20:.3:B	10	2328	(469)	(200)	521
FP:160:1.5:2.4:20:.6:B	4	5749	1159	493	1286
FP:160:2.0:1.9:20:.3:B	10	3153	553	(231)	595
FP:160:2.0:2.4:20:.3:B	10	2496	529	(227)	595
FP:175:1.0:1.9:20:.3:B	10	2860	(409)	(166)	408
FP:175:1.0:1.9:20:.6:B	7	6791	971	393	968
FP:175:1.0:1.9:30:.3:B	12	3851	550	(223)	549
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FP:175:1.0:2.4:20:.3:B	10	2264	(394)	(163)	408
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FP:195:1.0:1.9:20:.6:B	9	10812	1469	587	1392
FP:195:1.0:1.9:30:.3:B	9	6186	841	336	797
FP:195:1.0:1.9:30:.6:B	9	14608	1985	793	1881
FP:195:1.0:2.4:20:.3:B	10	3308	548	(224)	538
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FP:195:1.5:1.9:20:.6:B	4	15063	2295	928	2217
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FP:195:1.5:2.4:20:.6:B	4	11925	2207	913	2217
FP:195:2.0:1.9:20:.3:B	10	6260	1006	409	981
FP:195:2.0:2.4:20:.3:B	10	4956	965	402	981

* see Figure E.1 for location of minimum span-deflection ratio

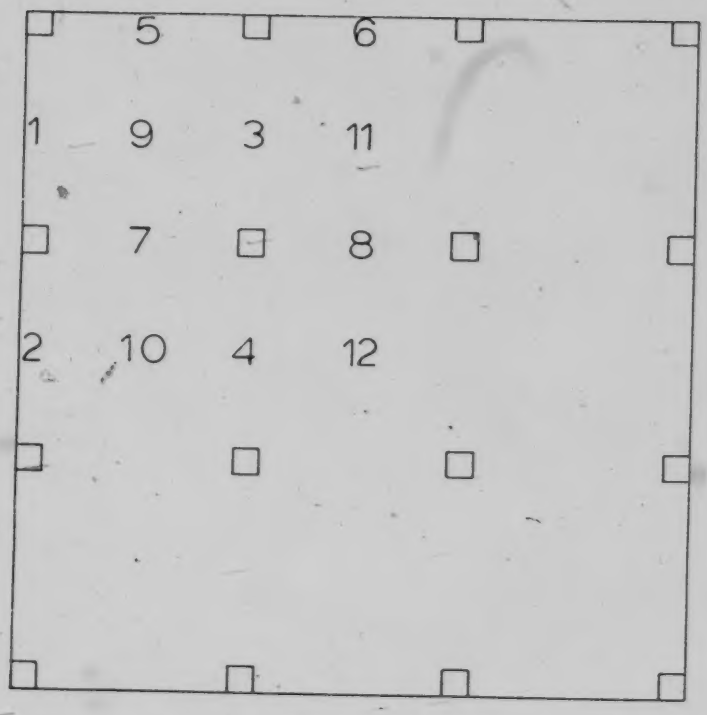
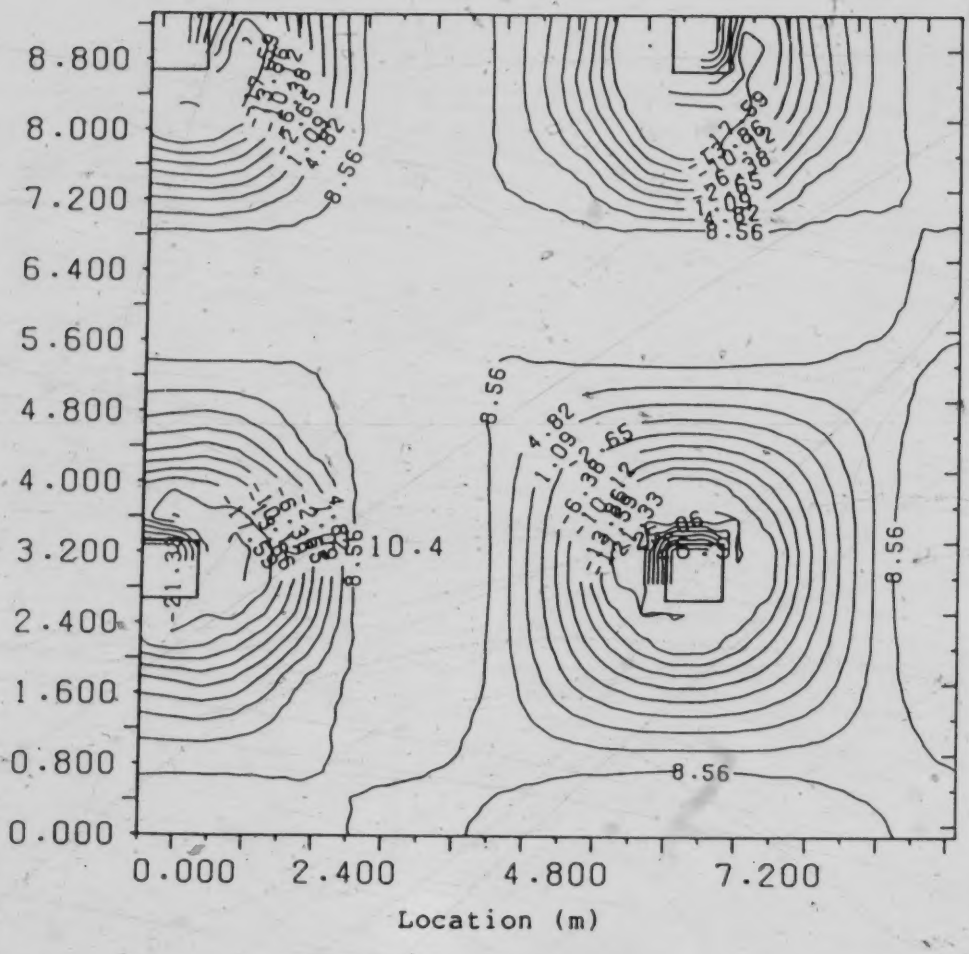


Figure E.1 Location of Minimum Span-Deflections

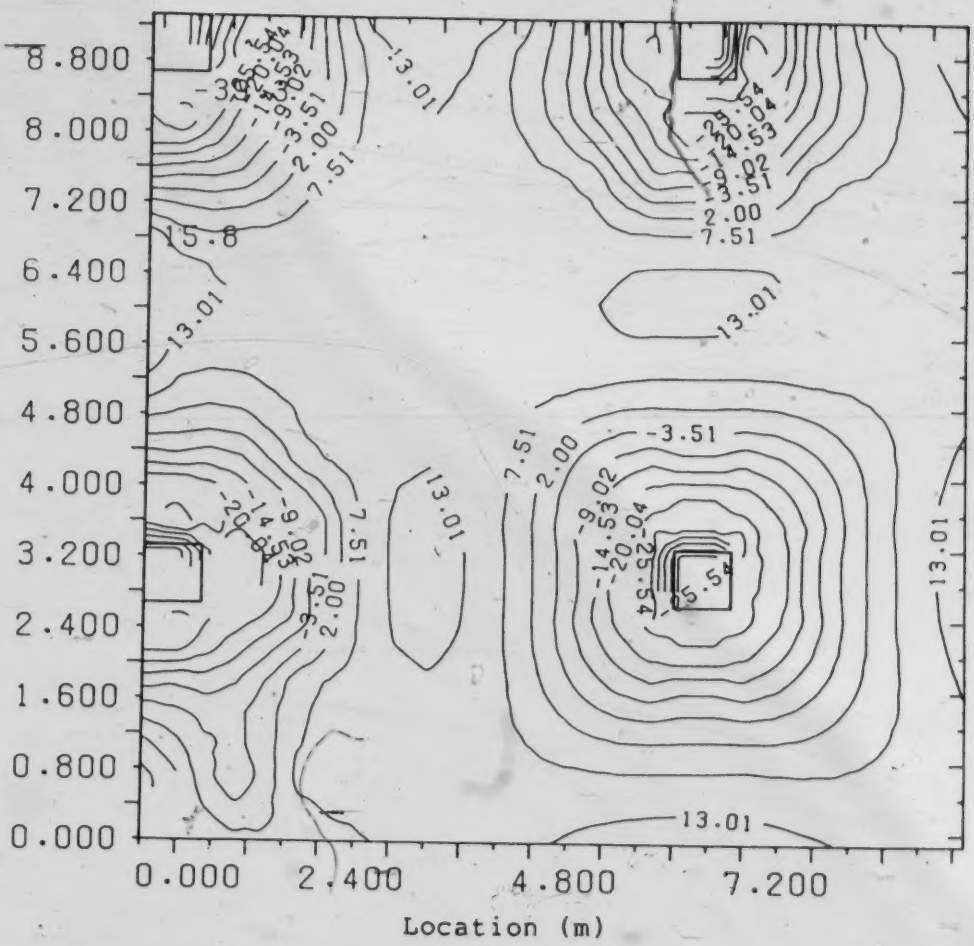
Figures E.2-E.4 illustrate the redistribution of the moment due to cracking in the slab under construction loading. The loads move away from the interior support as shown by the high negative moment in the elastic analysis, Figure E.2, to both the interior and exterior midspans (Figures E.3 and E.4). The redistribution is more pronounced when the Effective Modulus of Rupture is $.30\sqrt{f'_c}$, Figure E.3, than when $.60\sqrt{f'_c}$ is used. The moment fields shown in Figures E.3 and E.4 were found using the reduced stiffness of the slab due to cracking without any yielding of the reinforcing steel. These moment fields are different than that assumed by the Direct Design Method. But, no yielding of the reinforcing steel occurs at service loads and therefore, it can be concluded that for the slabs analysed that the moment field in the slab at service loads is different than at ultimate loads.

It is interesting to note that the slab around the exterior column does not crack as much as the interior column, shown in Figures E.5 and E.6, and the magnitude of the positive principal moments in the extior and interior panels are almost equal. This explains why in some cases the minimum span-deflection ratio is located in the interior panels.



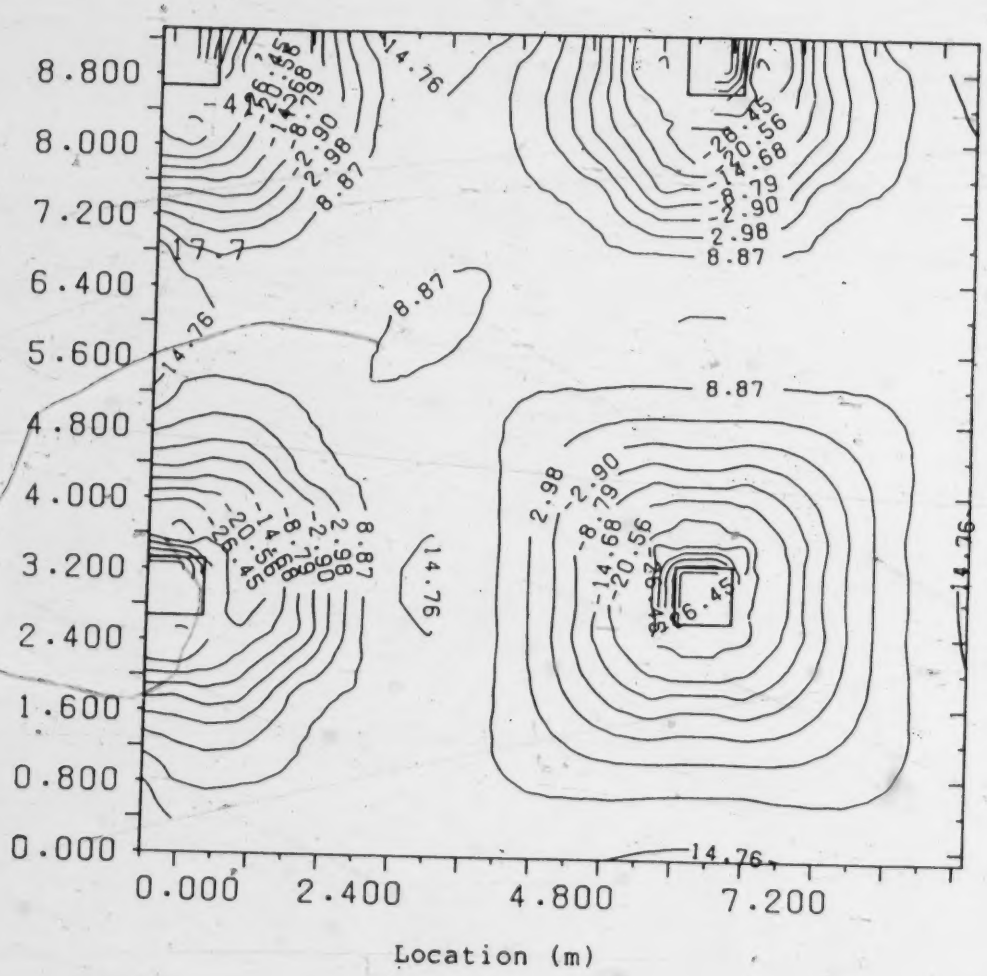
Principal Moment Contours (kNm/m)

Figure E.2 Principal Moments of FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A under Construction Loads: Elastic Analysis



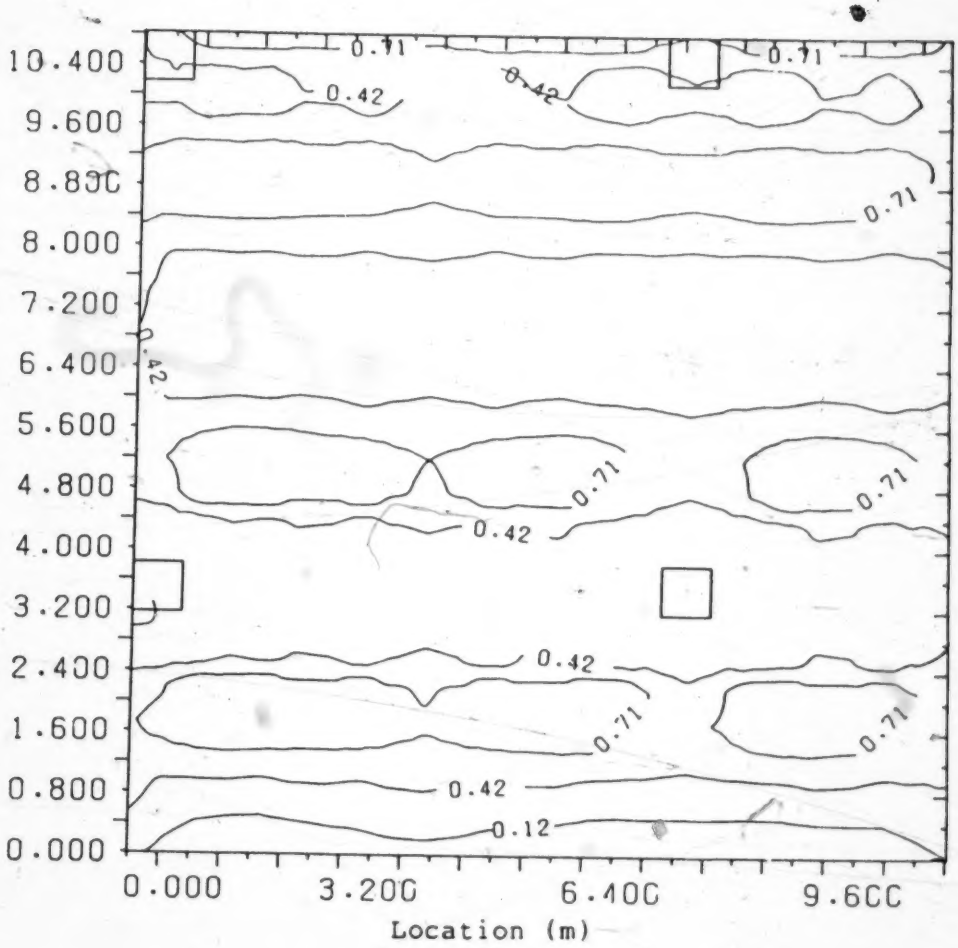
Principal Moment Contours (kNm/m)

Figure E.3 Principal Moments of FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A under Construction Loads: $f_e = .60\sqrt{f_c}$



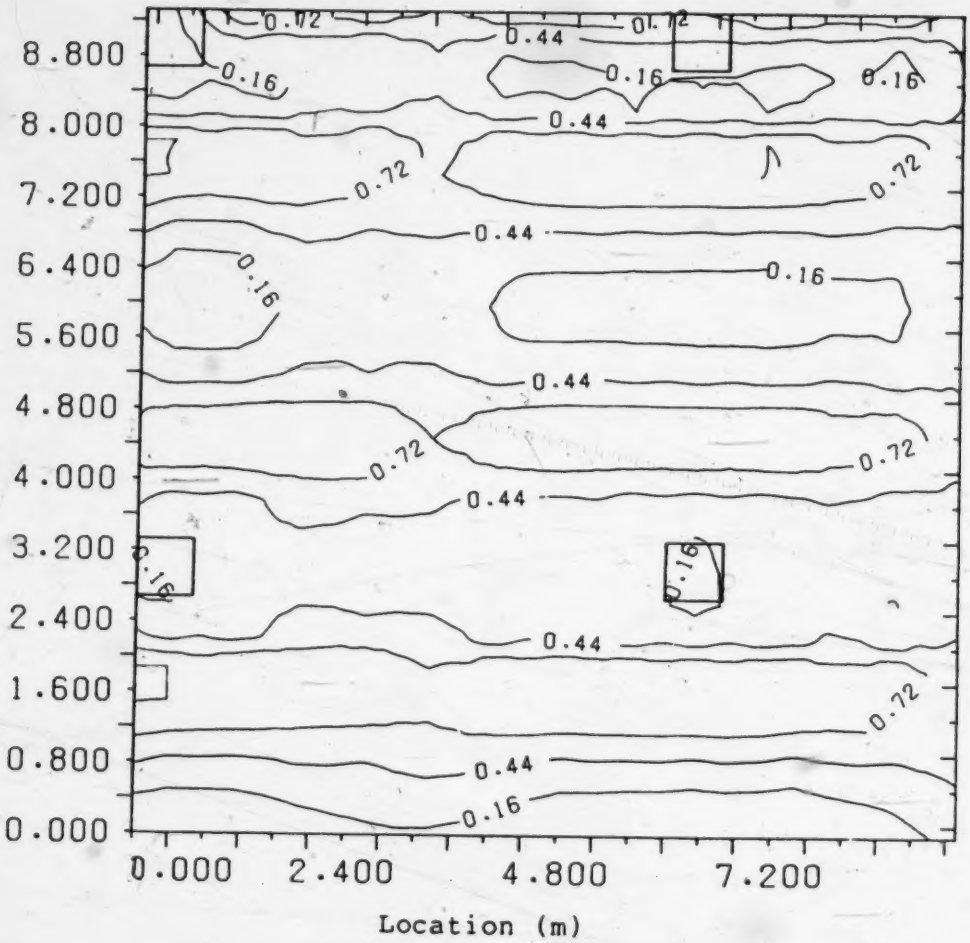
Principal Moment Contours (kNm/m)

Figure E.4 Principal Moments of FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A under Construction Loads: $f_e = .30\sqrt{f_c}$



Reduced Plate Siffness $(\frac{I_{ey}}{I_g})$

Figure E.5 Reduced Stiffness of DP:190:1.0:2.4:20:.6:A under Construction Loads: $f_e = .60\sqrt{f_c}$



Reduced Plate Siffness $(\frac{I_{ey}}{I_g})$

Figure E.6 Reduced Stiffness of FP:160:1.0:2.4:20:.3:A under Construction Loads: $f_e = .30\sqrt{f_c}$